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Village of Almont

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Village Council:
Steve Schneider, President
Tim Dyke, Pres. Pro-Tem.
Richard Lauer
Dave Love
Gary Peltier
Melinda Steffler
Richard Tobias

ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love (8:10 p.m.), Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present:

Interim Village Manager	Sarah Moyer-Cale
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Schall
Police Chief	Pat Nael
DDA	Nancy Boxey
Almont Building Official	Joe Israel (7:45 p.m.)

Guests Present:

Mr. Jeremy Yarbrough, owner of 134 S. Main St.
Mr. Greg Grabill, owner of Grabill, Inc.
Mr. Phil Foley, *The County Press*
Mr. Tim Bush
Mr. Zachery Kostiuk
2 Citizens
2 Students

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Almont Community Schools – Discussion was held.
2. MML – The MML is requesting the Village of Almont to pledge support to help fund the Proposal 1 for safer roads. Discussion was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2015.



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2. Warrant #15-03-B, Gen Ck #33688-33733, Equip Ck# 1325, EFT #66, Park EFT #8
Councilmember Mindy Steffler asked that Interim Village Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale send MIOSHA report to council for their review.
3. Water Report
4. DPW Activity Report
5. WWTP Activity Report
6. Police Report
7. Payroll Report
8. Financial Position Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Zachery Kostiuk of 120 E. Washington Street, Almont came before Council to ask for help pertaining to the mess, destruction & dangerous conditions at 210/214 N. Main Street which is adjacent to his residence. Mr. Kostiuk submitted photos and stated the contractor installed forms to build the walls between his property and 214 N. Main, cut down a 150-year old sugar maple tree when they were authorized to only remove a few branches, and damaged a sandbox for his son. A couple weeks later, the form company came and removed the forms and left re-rod sticking out of the ground with very little caution tape around the area.

Building Official/Building Inspector Joe Israel stated that this situation could possibly fall under the Dangerous Building Ordinance due to the health and safety of the resident.

It was the consensus of Council to contact MIOSHA and to review the Dangerous Building Ordinance. It was also the consensus of Council to send a letter to the owners of 214 N. Main St. informing them that they have 72 hours in which to bring the property up to code.

2. Building Official/Building Inspector Joe Israel brought to Council's attention that Interim Village Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale and himself will be in front of the Judge tomorrow (March 18, 2015) regarding 102/122 S. Main. Mr. Israel is in need of the Council's support to allow the Village to repair the exterior of the building. DDA Director Nancy Boxey stated that a permit has been requested for a dumpster. Village Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale has issued a permit for the dumpster.
3. Building Official/Building Inspector Joe Israel also mentioned to Council that the new owners of K9 Clips (114 S. Main) has plumbing issues. The building is sharing the water meter with 102 S. Main. Councilmember Dyke requested Manager Moyer-Cale to have DPW Superintendent Bryan Treat investigate how to re-route the waterline to K9 Clips, so they have their own meter.
4. President Schneider stated that the Council will support Mr. Israel and the Building Department.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Resolution #15-03-02 – Approving the Application of Grabill, Inc. and Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real Property at 7383 Research Drive**

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED**, to adopt Resolution # 15-03-02, Approving the Application of Grabill, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real Property at 7383 Research Drive.



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ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Dyke, Lauer, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider
Nays: Love
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2. **Resolution # 15-03-03 – Approving the Application of Grabill, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property at 7463 Research Drive**

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED** to adopt Resolution # 15-03-03, Approving the Application of Grabill, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property at 7463 Research Drive.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Lauer, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Dyke, Schneider
Nays: Love
Abstain: None
Absent: None

3. **Resolution # 15-03-04 Parking Agreement for 134 S. Main St. Apartments**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council Resolution #15-03-04. Discussion was held.

The following changes were recommended:

- In the 5th paragraph, change “Village Council allows” to “Village Council shall permit”, change “available in the lot” to “available in said lot” and change “the apartments” to “said apartments”.
- In the 6th paragraph, change “will be allowed” to “will be permitted”.
- In the 7th paragraph, change “that should, for any reason, parking permanently be no longer available” to “in the event that parking is no longer available” and “his/her assignees” to “his/her successor(s)”.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Resolution # 15-03-04, To Allow Use of Public Parking Lot for Tenants of 134 S. Main Street Apartments, with the recommended changes.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Love, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Dyke, Lauer, Schneider
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

4. **Appointment of Terry Roach to the Village Planning Commission**

President Schneider appointed Terry Roach to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending March 2018.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Lauer second, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to ratify President Schneider’s appointment as stated on the record.



5. **Resolution # 15-03-05 in Honor of Pete Warner**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with Resolution #15-03-05, honoring long-time employee, Philip "Pete" Warner. Discussion was held. Council recommended changing "submitted a letter of resignation" in the second paragraph to "announced his retirement".

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Resolution # 15-03-05, Commemorating Distinguished Service Rendered by Mr. Philip "Pete" Warner to the Village of Almont with the recommended changes.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Dyke, Lauer, Love, Schneider

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

6. **Retiree and Spouse Insurance**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with the retiree and spouse insurance information requested. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Moyer-Cale's recommendation of leaving the insurance as is. However, the policy should be reviewed once Pete's wife is Medicare eligible.

7. **Tax Increment Financing Plan Including the Development Plan for the Downtown Development Authority**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Ordinance 139.4, Amending and Restating the Almont DDA Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. **Henderson Building**

Discussion was held.

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Councilmember Peltier stated all acts are booked for Music in the Park and they are in need of one more \$200 donation to have it fully funded. He also stated he has started working on the site project and engineering for the park pavilion.

Councilmember Love explained the reason he was late tonight was he was attending a St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Councilmember Lauer thanked Pete for his 43 years of service to the Village of Almont.



President Schneider also thanks Pete for his 43 years of service and would like to see the plaque that is to be presented to him.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9.22 p.m.

Kimberly A. Schall
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: April 7, 2015, as corrected



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