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ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MAY 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: Village Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale
 Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Keesler
 Police Chief Pat Nael (7:38)

Guests Present: Mr. Doug Skylis, ROWE Professional Services
 Mr. Phil Foley, *The County Press*
 1 Student

COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item #7, Crack Sealing Proposal, Item #8, Almont Vineyard Church Request, and Item #9, American Legion Request and move the Closed Session agenda item to Item #10.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2015.
2. Warrant #15-05-A, Gen Ck #33845-33878, Equip EFT #71
3. Payroll Report, Ck #15990-15998, DD #1338-1356, EFT #126-127
4. March Water Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

None



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REGULAR AGENDA

1. Village Manager Contract Signing

President Schneider stated Manager Moyer-Cale had the contract reviewed [by her attorney](#) and is agreeable to the terms with the exception of the dates in the "Term of Agreement" section. She requested they be changed to begin April 8, 2015 and end April 7, 2018. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Manager Moyer-Cale's Employment Agreement with the following corrections:

- In Section 2A, replace "begins May 6, 2015, and ends May 6, 2018" with "begins April 8, 2015 and ends April 7, 2018".
- In Section 2D, replace "May 6, 2018" with "April 7, 2018".

With the above corrections being made, President Schneider and Manager Moyer-Cale signed the agreement with Clerk/Treasurer Keesler signing as a witness.

2. Tribula Water Follow-Up

Manager Moyer-Cale gave Council a brief synopsis of the water meter readings at Mr. Tribula's residence logged over the previous two weeks and presented the history detail report of the service address. Discussion was held.

Council acted in good faith by installing a new water meter and logging the data reads which show proof of a leak. It was the consensus of Council that based upon that data; the Village had satisfied their responsibility and the issue would now be up to the homeowner to resolve.

It was the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to write a letter to Mr. Tribula informing him of Council's decision.

3. E&L Payment Application No. 4

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with E&L's payment request. Mr. Doug Skylis from ROWE Professional Services gave an update on the construction of the new booster station. They expect to begin the start-up process on Monday as they would like to run the pumps for a while before going live. Mr. Skylis also explained the existing station will be decommissioned, the Village's equipment would be removed, and Detroit Water & Sewerage Department would take over ownership of the pit. Council congratulated E&L for completing the work on time.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve payment application #4 to E&L Construction Group in the amount of \$186,779.39

4. Invoice #0076244 Approval

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with ROWE's payment request. Council asked Mr. Skylis if the remaining budget was enough for the completion of the booster station project. Mr. Skylis indicated it would be sufficient as long as the start-up process went well. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve payment for Invoice #0076244 to ROWE Professional Services in the amount of \$3,044.00.



5. Rental Ordinance Interpretation

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with the current rental ordinance. She had indicated it needs clarification regarding the definition of a rental dwelling. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to table this issue until the first meeting in June.

6. AE Building Recommendation

President Schneider gave a synopsis of the April 30th joint meeting held with the Almont Township Board. He indicated that Council cannot make a formal motion until the Township decides on whether they would hold a special election to vote on the trade of properties between Almont Schools, the Township and the Village. He recommended a non-binding straw vote of Council's willingness to put the question on the ballot.

The question to Council: Should the Almont Elementary School and Village/Township property exchange go to an election?

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Tobias, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Steffler, Schneider

Nays: Dyke

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Councilmember Dyke indicated his reasoning to his "No" vote was due to the fact there is not a written agreement between the Township and the Village regarding co-ownership of the school building if the exchange was to go through.

7. Crack Sealing Proposal

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a proposal from T.G. Priehs Paving Co. to crack seal Kidder Road between St. Clair Street and Village limits and Allison Street crack filling between Kidder Road and Elizabeth Lane. Manager Moyer-Cale indicated there was enough remaining in the current year's budget to cover the cost. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to clarify the crack sealing includes Kidder Road from the Village limits to the Drakeshire subdivision.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve T.G. Prieh's Paving Co.'s proposal for crack sealing in the amount not to exceed \$5,304.00.

8. Almont Vineyard Church Request

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a letter from Almont Vineyard Church requesting Council to allow them to solicit donations at the corners of Van Dyke and St. Clair on June 12th and 13th.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to express no objections to Almont Vineyard Church soliciting donations on local streets on June 12th and 13th.



9. American Legion Auxiliary Request

Manager Moyer-Cale indicated she had received a call from Ms. Beal from the American Legion Auxiliary requesting Council to allow them to sell poppies at the corners of Van Dyke and St. Clair from May 14th through May 16th.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to express no objections to the American Legion selling poppies on local streets on May 14th, 15th, and 16th.

10. Potential Easement Purchase – Closed Session

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to go into closed session in accordance with Section 8 (d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, being Public Act 267 of 1976, to consider the purchase of real property.

ROLL CALL:

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

Council went into Closed Session at 9:03 p.m.

Council returned from Closed Session at 9:55 p.m.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to authorize Manager Moyer-Cale to enter into good-faith negotiations with Mr. Burley relating to his property.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. DDA Director's Report

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Councilmember Dyke congratulated the Youth on Main Street, volunteers and the Almont DDA for their Clean Up Main Street event two weeks ago. He indicated they cleaned up Main Street and Industrial Drive and there were three times as many volunteers than the previous years' event.

Manager Moyer-Cale notified Council Mr. Marty Clauw had shown interest in donating the property he owns behind 102 S. Main Street. The Almont DDA wants to do an alleyway project there, however, there would be costs associated with acquiring a survey and processing the deed. It was the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to obtain quotes for such work.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: May 19, 2015, as corrected

