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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 MAY 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer (7:45), Love, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: Peltier

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

Guests Present: 5 Students

COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda, with moving Regular Agenda Item #3 Clerk/Treasurer Performance Evaluation to #4, adding Item #3 Booster Station Special Meeting and Item #5 Easement Acquisition, and adding Open Discussion Item #3 Budget Workshop Follow-Up.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Joint Special Meeting Minutes, April 30, 2015.
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, May 6, 2015 with the following correction to Regular Agenda Item #1 Village Manager Contract Signing:
 - a. Adding "by her attorney" after the word "reviewed" in the first sentence of the first paragraph.
3. Warrant #15-05-B, Gen Ck #33879-33941, Equip #1327, EFT #72-73, Park EFT #10
Councilmember Dyke questioned why the repair to the 2012 dump truck was not under warranty. Village Manager Moyer-Cale will follow-up.
4. April Water Report
5. April DPW Activity Report
6. April WWTP Report
7. April Police Report
8. Payroll Report, Ck #15999-16010, DD #1357-1381, EFT #128-130
9. Financial Position Report



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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. AE Building Exchange with Almont Community Schools

President Schneider stated the Almont Township Board approved placing the building exchange on the November 2015 ballot and read the motion made. President Schneider recommended if Council also approved this issue going to an election, there be several contingencies placed on such a motion. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED**, with Dyke dissenting, to be in favor of placing the AE building exchange on the November 2015 ballot for a millage not to exceed 3.75 mills contingent upon the following:

- a. Received confirmation the Almont School Board made a formal motion to not put the property located at 401 Church Street up for sale until after the November 2015 election.
- b. Hold a transfer of ownership of said property from the school to the Almont Village and Township in escrow until after the November 2015 election. If the election is favorable, the deed would be taken out of escrow and recorded with the Register of Deeds. If the election is unfavorable, the deed would be taken out of escrow and returned to the school.
- c. The execution of a working agreement between the Township and the Village regarding the management of the property including revenues and expenses.

2. TPOAM Wage Negotiations

Manager Moyer-Cale stated the TPOAM union had requested to re-open the contract for wage negotiations and requested a 2.5% increase. She stated she had met with the union representatives and they had agreed to a 1.6% increase, which was the cost of living adjustment published for the year. She stated the budget that was presented at the workshop reflected a 2% increase. She presented Council with a Memorandum of Understanding that was already signed by Business Agent Kevin Loftis. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to authorize Village Manager Moyer-Cale to sign the Memorandum of Understanding to adjust the wage schedule as presented.

3. Special Meeting Scheduling

Manager Moyer-Cale explained the new booster station is operational. Due to the significance of this project, she recommends Council set a special meeting for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the booster station location.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to hold a special meeting for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the booster station located at 8365 Almont Road in Almont Township.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Clauw Property Donation Estimate

Manager Moyer-Cale notified Council she had received a written quote from R.A. Duthler Land Surveyors in the amount of \$1,400 to perform the survey of the property located behind 102 S. Main Street. Mr. Clauw's intention is to donate that portion to the Village. Discussion was held.



Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED**, with Love dissenting, to accept the quote from R.A. Duthler Land Surveyors in the amount of \$1,400 to perform the survey on the above-mentioned property.

2. Howland Road Underground Infrastructure

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a previous quote from ROWE indicating the cost of repairing the infrastructure under Howland Road and a quote provided by the Township to resurface Howland Road. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Tobias moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the paving project of Howland Road in an amount not to exceed \$16,255.80.

3. DPW Equipment for FY 2016 Budget

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with the memos written by DPW Supervisor Bryan Treat regarding the equipment needs for the fiscal year 2015-2016 budget. Councilmember Dyke thanked DPW Supervisor Treat for preparing the information so quickly. Discussion was held.

Council had a brief recess at 8:45 p.m. to sign agendas for the students who were in attendance.

Council returned to session at 8:50 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA (Continued)

4. Clerk/Treasurer Performance Evaluation – Closed Session

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to go into closed session in accordance with Section 8 (a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, being Public Act 267 of 1976, to the periodic personnel evaluation of a public employee.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Peltier

Abstain: None

Council went into Closed Session at 8:51 p.m.

Council returned from Closed Session at 9:12 p.m.

5. Easement Acquisition

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias 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: Love, Steffler, Tobias, Dyke, Lauer, Schneider

Nays: None

Absent: Peltier

Abstain: None

Council went into Closed Session at 9:15 p.m.



Council returned from Closed Session at 9:50 p.m.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED**, with Love dissenting, to authorize Manager Moyer-Cale to attain a survey and fair market value appraisal of the easement area located on 124 W. St. Clair Street.

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: June 2, 2015



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