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# *Village of Almont*

*817 North Main Street  
Almont, Michigan 48003*

**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 JUNE 2, 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:35 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

Guests Present:

1 Student	
Almont Twp Treasurer	Roberta Kudsin

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

President Schneider read a letter from Eva Bassier at 7858 East Ridge Drive. She requested the late penalty be waived from her utility bill. Discussion was held. It was the consensus of Council to not waive the late penalty; however, collected a private donation to be given to Ms. Bassier to help defray the cost.

### **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. Budget Workshop Minutes, May 14, 2015.
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2015.  
Councilmember Tobias questioned if we had received an answer regarding the bill for the dump truck. Village Manager Moyer-Cale indicated there was not an answer yet, but she will follow up with the DPW Supervisor.
3. Warrant #15-06-A, Gen Ck #33942-33978, Equip EFT #74
4. Payroll Report, Ck #16011-16017, DD #1382-1402, EFT #131-133



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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Resolution #15-06-01 – Adopt Millage Rates for FY2016**

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to pass Resolution #15-06-01, Adopting Millage Rates and Garbage Collection Fees for the 2015-2016 Fiscal year.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **2. Resolution #15-06-02 – Adjust Water Rates for FY2016**

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Resolution #15-06-02, To Increase and Adjust the Water Rates of the Village, Effective July 1, 2015.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **3. Resolution #15-06-03 – Adjust Sewer Rates for FY2016**

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution #15-06-03, Adjust the Sewer Rates of the Village, Effective July 1, 2015.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **4. Resolution #15-06-04 – Increase SSO Rates for FY2016**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution #15-06-04, To Change the Sanitary Sewage Overflow (SSO) Rate, Effective July 1, 2015 from \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

### **5. Resolution #15-06-05 – Approve FY2016 Budget**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution #15-06-05, Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.



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ROLL CALL:

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

**6. Resolution #15-06-06 – Designation of Village Manager as Contract Administrator and Authorized Signor on MDOT Contract**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a resolution to update the Village Manager name for the MDOT Trunkline Maintenance Contract.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution #15-06-06, Designating Contract Administrators and Authorized Signors of the Contract.

ROLL CALL:

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

**7. Kingsbrook Estates Delinquent Water Payment**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with an email she had received from Kingsbrook Estates Attorney, Mr. Thomas August, requesting Council waive 75% of the penalty that was incurred due to their utility bill payment being received late. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **DEFEATED**, to deny the request from Reliance Management Associates and maintain the charge for the full penalty. No: Dyke, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider. Yes: Lauer, Love.

Councilmember Tobias moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED**, to waive 50% of the original late fee if the remaining balance is paid by June 10, 2015. No: Lauer, Love. Yes: Dyke, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider.

It was the consensus of Council to not turn the water off on June 10, 2015 if bill was not paid in full. Instead, Council will discuss at the June 16, 2015 meeting.

It was the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to notify the local property manager of Kingsbrook Estates, Ms. Heagen of Reliance Management Associates, and Mr. August of Council's decision.

It was also the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to check our liability insurance to verify it covers legal fees to defend ordinances.

**8. Clerk/Treasurer Salary Review**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a memo indicating Clerk/Treasurer Keesler's request of a 5% increase in her salary. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to increase Clerk/Treasurer Keesler's salary to \$53,550 annually and to increase life insurance coverage to that amount.



Councilmember Lauer amended his motion, Councilmember Peltier reiterated his second, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to include an effective date of May 29, 2015 on Clerk/Treasurer Keesler's new salary.

**9. Agreement for Law Enforcement Services**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a proposed agreement with the Township for Law Enforcement Services. The new contract would increase the Township cost by 1%. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the revised law enforcement contract for police protection to the Township with a 1% increase in cost effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

**10. Lapeer Shriners Request**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a request from Lapeer Shriners to sell newspapers at the four corners on June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to express no objection to the Lapeer Shriners selling newspapers on June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 on the Village's local streets.

It was the consensus of Council there would be no problem with Lapeer Shriners parking a vehicle in the municipal parking area all day.

**11. Water System General Plan Approval**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a proposal from ROWE Professional Services Company to prepare a general plan of the Village's water system as required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED**, with Love dissenting, to accept ROWE's proposal to complete the Water System General Plan for an amount not to exceed \$4,800.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**1. AE Building**

Township Treasurer Roberta Kudsin was present to inform Council of her discussion with Mr. Joe Candela, Almont Schools Superintendent regarding the Village's contingency of requiring the School Board to hold a transfer of ownership of the building at 401 Church in escrow until the November election. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED**, with Dyke dissenting, to modify the previous motion made at the May 19, 2015 Regular Council Meeting regarding the AE building exchange, rescinding the contingency of holding a transfer of ownership by quit claim deed of said property from the school to Almont Village and Township in escrow, and replacing the contingency with the Almont School Board making a motion to withhold the private sale of said property until after the November election, and that upon approval of the AE project at the November election, the Almont School Board will transfer ownership to the Township and Village as joint tenants/tenants in common.

Discussion was held regarding the working agreement between the Township and Village. The consensus of Council was the key factors which need to be discussed are occupancy, operating and maintenance expenses, and ownership.



## 2. DDA Director's Report

### **COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT**

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler thanked Council for the increase in her salary.

Councilmember Peltier requested more patrols of Van Dyke in the early morning hours due to speeding semi-trucks. He indicated he could not turn into his driveway due to a semi-truck barreling down behind him. Chief Nael indicated in June he is scheduling a dedicated officer to work on specific concerns brought to the police department by residents.

Councilmember Steffler complimented Manager Moyer-Cale and Chief Nael on the newsletter that was emailed out on Monday.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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Kimberly J. Keesler  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Steve Schneider  
President

Approved Date: June 16, 2015



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