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Tim Dyke, Pres. Pro-Tem
Richard Lauer
Dave Love
Gary Peltier
Melinda Steffler
Richard Tobias

ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 7, 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, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present:

Village Manager
Clerk/Treasurer
Police Chief
DDA Director

Sarah Moyer-Cale
Kimberly Keesler
Pat Nael (7:33)
Nancy Boxey

Guests Present:

Phil Foley
Brian Garner

Report, *The County Press*
Taylor, Butterfield, Howell, Churchill, Jarvis,
& Garner, P.C.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda with moving the AE Building Committee Recommendation to Council from Open Discussion to Regular Agenda Item #1 and adding Regular Agenda Item #13, Taylor, Butterfield, Howell Churchill, Jarvis, & Garner, P.C. Invoice Approval.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Special Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2015.
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2015.
President Schneider commended Village Manager Moyer-Cale for the quick follow-up on the fencing issue at the new booster station.
3. Warrant #15-07A, Gen Ck #34025-34099, EFT #27, Equip Ck #1328-1329, EFT #77-78, Park EFT #11-12
4. Payroll Report, Ck #16030-16045, DD #1427-1451, EFT #139-142



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PUBLIC COMMENT

President Schneider stated the insert that was with the tax bill, "Where Do My Tax Dollars Go?" created by Clerk/Treasurer Keesler was great and felt it went well with our endeavor for transparency.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. AE Building Committee Recommendation to Council

President Schneider gave a synopsis of the motions made by the Almont School Board regarding the potential AE Building swap. He read the letter submitted by the Building Committee in response to the schools motion. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the letter submitted by the Building Committee withdrawing its intention to proceed with the exchange of the Township/Village Hall for the Almont Elementary School Building.

Building Committee members, Tobias, Schneider and Dyke signed the letter and directed Manager Moyer-Cale to pass it on to the Township Board for their approval.

2. Second Reading & Adoption of Ordinance #159.29 to Rezone 614 N. Main

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Ordinance #159.29, Amendment to Almont Village Zoning Ordinance to repeal Ordinance #159.20 of the Almont Village Zoning Ordinance and to rezone 614 N. Main from Professional Office (O-1) to the Single Family Residential (R-1) zoning district.

3. Resolution #15-07-01 to Accept MDNR Grant

Manager Moyer-Cale explained the Department of Natural Resources will not accept two separate resolutions from the Township and Village accepting the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant as the Village is the one applying for the grant. They need a resolution from the Village to provide the total \$15,000 to match the grant funds.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Resolution #15-07-01, To Accept the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Resolution #15-07-02 – Consent to Assignment of Water Contract

Manager Moyer-Cale presented the request for consent to assignment of water contract from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) to the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA). Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED**, with Lauer dissenting, to approve the service agreement assignment of the water contract with the DWSD to the GLWA.

Councilmember Tobias moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED**, to adopt Resolution #15-07-02, Agreement to Assign Wholesale Customer Water Service Contract.



ROLL CALL:

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

5. Ferric Chloride Purchase for WWTP

Manager Moyer-Cale presented a proposal from Alexander Chemical for ferric chloride for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to accept the purchase of 8.5 tons of ferric chloride from Alexander Chemical in the amount of \$4,887.50.

6. Heater for the Pole Barn

Manager Moyer-Cale presented a quote from Orton Refrigeration & Heating LLC to install a heater in the wastewater pole barn. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the proposal from Orton Refrigeration & Heating LLC to install a heater in the wastewater pole barn for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00.

7. Insulation for the Pole Barn

Manager Moyer-Cale presented a quote by Tracy's Insulation and Contracting Inc. to insulate the wastewater pole barn. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the proposal by Tracy's Insulation and Contracting Inc. to insulate the pole barn for an amount not to exceed \$3,970.00.

8. Water Tower Cleaning

Manager Moyer-Cale presented a proposal by Fedewa Inc. to clean the exterior of the water tower. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to accept the proposal by Fedewa Inc. to clean the exterior of the water tower for an amount not to exceed \$3,900.00.

9. Pavement Marking Proposal

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a pavementpayment marking proposal from M&M Pavement Marking. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to accept the proposal from M&M Pavement Markings for an amount not to exceed \$3,150.30.

10. Delinquent Property Tax Program

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler presented Council with a proposal from BS&A for a delinquent personal property tax program. Discussion was held.



Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the purchase of the delinquent property tax program from BS&A in an amount not to exceed \$2,210.00.

11. DDA FY 2015 Budget Amendment Approval

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with the fiscal year end 2015 budget amendments for the DDA. DDA Director Boxey was in attendance to field any questions from Council. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the FY 2015 DDA Budget Amendments as presented.

12. DDA 2015-2016 Budget Approval

DDA Director Boxey presented Council with the fiscal year 2015-2016 proposed budget. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the DDA fiscal year 2015-2016 budget as presented.

13. Taylor, Butterfield Invoice Approval

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with an invoice from Taylor, Butterfield. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the payment of Taylor, Butterfield's statement #116 in the amount of \$2,946.00.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. AE Building

With Council approving the Building Committee's letter to recall their intention to move forward with the building swap with the school, Manager Moyer-Cale stated the Township is interested in knowing the level of interest the Village has in renovating the existing building and potentially building an addition. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Love seconded, **PASSED**, with Dyke abstaining, for the Building Committee to do any final tasks to complete the Feasibility project, investigate the cost of expansion and/or renovation of the Village Hall and to investigate the possibility of obtaining property for a community center.

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Councilmember Peltier informed Council that the display case at the Park was damaged and thanks to Police Officer Mohr and the park's security cameras, they were able to apprehend the vandals and their parents agreed to pay for the repairs to the case.

Councilmember Love requested that Council take action at next regular meeting regarding the Burley water issue. It was the consensus of council to postpone this issue until the survey and appraisal have been done.

Councilmember Dyke noticed that the fountain in the pocket park has been operating on and off. DDA Director Boxey stated the landscaper is monitoring the issue and she will follow-up with him.



Councilmember Tobias stated the sidewalk in front of the Glinski lot is in dire disrepair. DDA Director Boxey stated the seal coating on the stamped concrete is in this year's budget.

Manager Moyer-Cale stated Council had approved the \$10,000 annual park contribution to be paid semi-annually. However, she was inquiring as to whether or not it needs to be brought to Council every time we submit payment. It was the consensus of Council that if it is in the approved budget, it does not need to come back to Council for another approval.

Manager Moyer-Cale also stated that the city of Utica has asked her to be on their Planning Commission and she inquired as to if the Council objects or if they think there is a conflict of interest. It was the consensus of Council there was no objection.

President Schneider indicated there is some road work needed on W. St. Clair and Branch Streets. Manager Moyer-Cale indicated DPW Superintendent Treat has them scheduled and is included in this year's budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: July 21, 2015, as corrected



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