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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 AUGUST 18, 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Pro-Tem Dyke called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Pro-Tem Dyke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmembers Absent: Schneider

Staff Present:

Village Manager	Sarah Moyer-Cale
Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Keesler
Police Chief	Pat Nael
Police Officer	Ryan Wilson

Guests Present:

Ms. Sandra Bartsch
Mr. Tim Bush
Mr. Ian Kempf

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Tobias seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda with the addition of Regular Agenda Item #6, Resolution #15-08-02, Authorizing Installment Purchase Contract for a 2010 Elgin Street Sweeper.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

1. Public Hearing Minutes, August 4, 2015
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2015
3. Warrant #15-08-B, Gen Ck #34218-34301, Equip Ck #1331, EFT #81, Park EFT #14-15
4. May DPW Activity Report
5. May WWTP Report
6. May Police Report
7. Payroll Report, Ck #16063-16076, DD #1495-1517, EFT #148-149
8. Financial Position Report



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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Sandra Bartsch from 611 W. St. Clair requested something be done with the speeding on W. St. Clair. Discussion was held. Police Chief Nael stated there would be more patrols in that area. President Pro-Tem Dyke requested Ms. Bartsch come back to Council if the situation has not improved.

Mr. Ian Kempf indicated his intention to run for state representative in 2016.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. DDA Downtown Improvement Project**

DDA Director Nancy Boxey explained the DDA would like to erect a dumpster enclosure in the parking lot behind the Huddle. The Village Planning Commission approved the site plan. The next step is going to the ZBA to request a variance as to the location of the dumpster. If the ZBA approves the variance, she is requesting the Village approving the financing of the project since it impacts the overall debt ratio of the Village. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the DDA up to \$30,000 for the dumpster enclosure project.

### **2. Pay Application #6 for E&L Construction**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with the final pay application from E&L Construction. She stated there were two typographical errors in the application packet that need to be corrected, however, is confident in the final payment amount. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the final pay application #6 from E&L Construction in the amount of \$29,332.40.

### **3. Hydrant Backflow Protection & Metering**

Manager Moyer-Cale updated Council regarding the cost of a back flow prevention and metering device that could be used on fire hydrants. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to follow-up with the Township Fire Department as to how they fill up their tanker trucks now.

### **4. Plot Plan Checklist**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a new plot plan checklist to be provided to anyone who requests a building permit. It will also be required to be turned in with the application to ensure accuracy. Discussion was held.

It was consensus of Council this would be an administrative change and there would be no need for Council to take action.



## 5. Credit Card Chips

Clerk/Treasurer Kim Keesler gave a presentation regarding the new chip technology and the liability issues involved in accepting credit cards. She recommended requesting a new contract from Point & Pay which included an indemnity clause. She stated this would extend our three-year contract another nine months. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to request a new contract and for Clerk/Treasurer Keesler to present it for Council approval at the next regular meeting.

## 6. Street Sweeper Purchase

Manager Moyer-Cale submitted cost comparison of leasing, purchasing and contracting out services of street sweeping. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution No. 15-08-02, Resolution Authorizing Installment Purchase Contract for a 2010 Elgin Street Sweeper, contingent upon DPW Supervisor Treat's evaluation of the sweeper.

### ROLL CALL:

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

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the installment purchase contract as presented in an amount not to exceed \$82,000.00, contingent upon DPW Supervisor Treat's assessment of the sweeper.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

None

### COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler indicated the audit had been completed today. Overall, the Village is doing well.

Councilmember Peltier stated that Music in the Park is complete and this was the best year so far in regards to attendance and donations. Also, this is the second year Music in the Park has been fully funded by sponsorships and donations. He also informed Council that he has asked the Almont School Board for permission to put the ice rink back up at the old elementary school building on Church Street. He is going to start researching grants to have a splash pad installed at the park.

Councilmember Love complimented the Park Board on a good job with the Music in the Park series this year.

Councilmember Steffler stated her family really enjoyed the Homecoming Festival this past weekend.



Councilmember Lauer stated the fireworks at the Homecoming Festival were great.

Manager Moyer-Cale stated the Township Planning Commission approved the barbed wire on the fence around the booster station and that an appraiser was found to do the easement assessment on the Burley property.

President Pro-Tem Dyke reminded everyone the Building Committee will meet next week and that he will not be in attendance at the next regular village council meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Kimberly J. Keesler  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Tim Dyke  
President Pro-Tem

Approved Date: September 1, 2015



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