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ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Sarah Moyer-Cale
 Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Keesler
 Police Chief Pat Nael (8:12)

Guests Present: Ms. Karen Barton
 Mr. Ian Kempf
 Mr. Chris Tuski
 Mr. Lloyd Broecker

COMMUNICATIONS

President Schneider gave a synopsis of the letter received from the Almont Community Schools regarding the baseball fields at 401 Church Street. There were questions regarding the acreage the ball fields sat on indicated in the letter. President Schneider recommended discussing the offer in closed session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda, with the addition of the item "MDOT Communication", moving that item to Agenda Item #4 and moving agenda item "Closed Session" to Item #5.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Public Hearing Minutes, September 1, 2015.
2. Regular Meeting Minutes, September 1, 2015 with the following corrections:
 - a. Replace the word "maintain" with "obtain" under Communications in the second paragraph.
 - b. Replace the word "at" with "after" under Agenda Item #3, W. St. Clair Gravel Trucks in the last paragraph.

Village Manager Moyer-Cale indicated Mr. Measel called on Friday, September 11th and indicated he is in the process of obtaining the spring pads, however,



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supply is low and they are difficult to obtain. He expected to receive the first set this week.

3. Warrant #15-09-B, Gen Ck #34344-34394, Equip Ck #1332, EFT #83, Park EFT #16
4. May DPW Activity Report
5. May WWTP Report
6. May Police Report
7. Payroll Report Ck #16087-16097, DD #1539, 1561, EFT #153-154
8. Financial Position Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ian Kempf stated he officially turned in his paperwork at the Lapeer County Clerk's office to run for 82nd House Representative. He gave a synopsis of his experience and what he intends to do to repair Lapeer County's reputation. Discussion was held.

Mr. Chris Tuski stated he was also a candidate for the 82nd House Representative position. He distributed a one-page biography of his background and discussed what he intends to do if elected. Discussion was held.

Ms. Karen Barton asked Council to consider purchasing the ball fields from the Almont School Board. Discussion was held.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Resolution No. 15-09-02 to Adopt a Public Participation Plan

Manager Moyer-Cale gave a presentation regarding MEDC funding cuts. She explained they focus more attention on municipalities that are Redevelopment Ready Communities. In an effort to become one of those communities, a public participation plan needs to be adopted.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt Resolution #15-09-02, Approving the Adoption of the Village of Almont Public Participation Plan.

ROLL CALL:

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

2. 102 S. Main St. Property Donation

Manager Moyer-Cale explained the property at 102 S. Main St. has delinquent property taxes owing. If the Village was to accept the property donation of part of that parcel and the property taxes remained delinquent, the County has the authority to seize the donated part of the parcel as it ~~was~~ part of the legal description of the parcel at time of delinquency. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to go with Manager Moyer-Cale's recommendation of not accepting the donation of the property until all taxes are paid in full.

3. 102, 118, 122 S. Main St. Property Maintenance

Manager Moyer-Cale gave an update on the strides the property owner has made regarding the property maintenance code and that the delinquent property taxes have been paid. However, there are still many improvements to make for the buildings to become compliant with the International Property Maintenance Code. Discussion was held.



It was the consensus of Council to contact the property owner and require he complete the work by the end of the calendar year.

4. MDOT Communication

Manager Moyer-Cale gave a synopsis of the letter received by MDOT regarding the safety of the curve at Main Street and Van Dyke. Along with installing cautionary signs, they recommended installing rumble strips; however, they warned the Village might receive noise complaints. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to table the issue until Manager Moyer-Cale received more information from MDOT as to where they recommend locating the rumble strips.

5. 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 Meeting Act, being Public Act 267 of 1976, to consider the purchase of real property.

ROLL CALL:

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

Council took a short recess at 8:58 p.m. and returned at 9:05 p.m.

Council went into closed session at 9:05 p.m.

Council returned from closed session at 10:17 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None

COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT

Councilmember Peltier notified Council that he had spoken to the architect for the renovation of the park and he was to receive the plans tomorrow (September 16th).

Councilmember Lauer asked if the office had received complaints regarding the paving done on Howland Road. Manager Moyer-Cale indicated they had not. He also asked if someone would investigate why the outside light poles in the municipal building parking lot were not working.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President



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Approved Date: October 6, 2015, as corrected



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