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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 NOVEMBER 17, 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

Guests Present: Ms. Marne Carlson, Municipal Employees' Retirement System  
Ms. Criste Edie  
Mr. Joe Tribula  
Mr. Anthony Tribula  
13 Students

### COMMUNICATIONS

President Schneider received notification of tax foreclosure on 219 S. Main Street. Discussion was held.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda with the addition of Regular Agenda Item #6, Ordinance #189.1 First Reading, Item #7, Holly Day Light Parade Road Closure, Item #8 Lapeer County Road Commission Invoice #7363, and Open Discussion Item #3, MDOT Letter regarding passed [legislature legislation](#).

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2015.
  - a. Village Manager Moyer-Cale stated there was nothing new on the 214 N. Main blight situation.



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- b. Manager Moyer-Cale indicated there was a four-week lead time for Kingsbrook's new water meter to arrive.
  - c. It was the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to clarify what Mr. Chris Jonson was going to follow-up on in regard to the commercial business's water meters.
  - d. Manager Moyer-Cale indicated she will follow-up with Police Chief Nael in regard to the speed limit signs on Kidder Rd.
2. Warrant #15-11-B, Gen Ck #34553-34599, Equip Ck #1334, EFT #88-89, Park EFT #18
  3. October DPW Activity Report
  4. October WWTP Report
  5. Payroll Reports #139-140, Ck #16137-16145, DD #1651-1674, EFT #166-167, Stub #5
  6. Financial Position Report
  7. October Police Report

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Reindeer Run**

Manager Moyer-Cale indicated she had received a request to close the parking lane E. St. Clair from Bristol Street to Kidder Road for the annual Reindeer Run on December 5<sup>th</sup>. She introduced the coordinator of the event, Ms. Cristie Edie, who requested the use of DPW cones to mark the closure. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council for Ms. Edie to present a written statement to the Village Manager stating they will be responsible for the traffic cones.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to express no objection to the parking lane on E. St. Clair from Bristol to Kidder being blocked off provided residents have proper driveway access.

### **2. MERS Unfunded Accrued Liability Presentation**

Manager Moyer-Cale introduced Marne Carlson, Regional Manager for Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS). Ms. Carlson presented information on the Village's unfunded accrued liability for the employees' pensions and how to reduce that liability. Discussion was held.

### **3. Tribula Water Shuf Off**

Mr. Joe Tribula introduced himself and gave a summary of his agreement with the Village in regard to his utility bill. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to move the payment date from the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month to the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. With \$250 being paid monthly, it is expected for the outstanding balance on Mr. Tribula's utility bill ~~to will~~ be paid in full by February 2016, ~~in~~-which will conclude the payment plan ~~will conclude~~.



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#### **4. Vineyard Church Collection Request**

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to express no objection of Almont Vineyard Church taking donations and passing out information about the Manna Ministry Food Pantry at the four corners on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

#### **5. Zoning Ordinance #193 – First Reading**

Manager Moyer-Cale introduced Ordinance #193, Zoning Ordinance to Council. She explained there were some clerical errors and the outdoor storage section should be removed from the Off Street Parking section. Discussion was held.

It was consensus of Council to hold a first reading of Ordinance No. 193, Zoning Ordinance.

#### **6. Ordinance #189.1, Blight and Nuisance Ordinance Amendment**

Manager Moyer-Cale introduced Ordinance #189.1, Blight and Nuisance Ordinance Amendment to Council. The purpose is to add regulations pertaining to the outdoor storage of mobile homes, trailers, motor homes, boats and similar vehicles as well as provide regulation for the outdoor storage of any hazardous or dangerous materials. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to give Manager Moyer-Cale ideas as to the direction they would like this amendment written.

Council took a brief recess to sign agendas for students at 9:07 p.m.

Council returned from recess at 9:08 p.m.

#### **7. Holly Day Light Parade Road Closure**

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the DDA's request to close E. St. Clair from Bristol to Van Dyke on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. so there is adequate space for participants while the choir performs and to reopen upon the conclusion of the Holly Day parade.

#### **8. Lapeer County Road Commission Invoice #7363**

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve invoice #7363 from the Lapeer County Road Commission in the amount of \$16,309.40 for the paving of Howland Road.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

- 1. DDA Director's Report**
- 2. Schedule for Michigan Transportation Funding by City/Village**
- 3. Michigan Department of Transportation Letter – Passed Legislation**



## **COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT**

Councilmember Love informed Council recommended everyone watch out for deer when driving. His wife totaled her van on opening day of deer hunting season.

President Pro-Tem Dyke gave an update on the Building Committee meetings. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Steffler inquired as to where the street sweeper empties their bin. Manager Moyer-Cale explained there is a 20-yard dumpster at the garage they empty it into.

Councilmember Steffler also asked where the leaves are dumped. Manager Moyer-Cale explained there is an agreement with a Township resident to dump the leaves on her property.

Councilmember Peltier excused himself at 9:36 p.m.

Manager Moyer-Cale asked Council to consider working on an ordinance for the enforcement of medical marijuana and dispensaries. Discussion was held. It was the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to work up a draft of an ordinance.

Manager Moyer-Cale explained Mr. Churchill has drafted an easement for the Burley property and stated he recommended hiring an attorney who has experience in Eminent Domain cases. It was the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to look for an attorney with that expertise.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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Kimberly J. Keesler  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Steve Schneider  
President

Approved Date: December 1, 2015, as corrected



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