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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 DECEMBER 1, 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, Love, Peltier, Steffler, Tobias, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: Lauer

Staff Present: Village Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale  
Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly Keesler

Guests Present: 16 Students

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Clinton River Watershed Council  
It was the consensus of Council to not renew the Village's membership with the Clinton River Watershed Council and unless there is added benefit, it would not be necessary for Village Manager Moyer-Cale to bring this back to Council if any future correspondence from them is received.
2. President Schneider received a letter from the Michigan Department of Transportation stating they accepted our Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan and we are now in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related federal regulations.
3. Manager Moyer-Cale received a letter from Ms. Cristy Edie confirming the use of the Village's traffic cones for the Reindeer Run to be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda with the addition of Regular Agenda Item #4, Bodman Invoice #562641.

### **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 17, 2015, with the following corrections:
  - a. Change the word "legislature" to "legislation" in the last sentence of the paragraph under the Approval of Agenda area.
  - b. Change the last sentence of the second paragraph under Regular Agenda Item #3 to "With \$250 being paid monthly, it is expected for the outstanding balance on Mr. Tribula's utility bill will be paid in full by February 2016, which will conclude the payment plan."



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- c. President Schneider asked if there was any follow-up on the testing of the larger meters in the Village. Manager Moyer-Cale indicated there had been none.
  - d. President Schneider asked if there was any follow-up on the speed limit signs on Kidder Road. Manager Moyer-Cale indicated Police Chief Nael would present his findings at the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. Warrant #15-12-A Ck #34600-34624, Equip EFT #90
  3. Payroll Report Ck #16146-16154, DD #1675-1698, EFT #168-170, Stub #6

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Resolution #15-12-01 PA 152 Opt Out**

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Steffler seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to pass Resolution #15-12-01 to opt out of the provisions of Public Act 152 to comply with the collective bargaining agreement.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **2. First Reading of Ordinance 189.1 – Blight & Nuisance Ordinance Amendment**

President Schneider read Councilmember Love's proposed changes to the Blight & Nuisance Ordinance Amendment. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to hold a first reading of Ordinance 189.1, Blight & Nuisance Ordinance Amendment, with the following changes:

- a. Remove "5 feet from the lot line" in Section 4K, second paragraph and replace it with "10 feet from neighbor's residence."
- b. Remove Section 4L in its entirety.

### **3. 2016 Regular Meeting Dates**

Councilmember Tobias moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the 2016 regular meetings dates of the Village Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Parks and Recreation Board as presented.

### **4. Bodman Invoice #562641**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with an invoice from Bodman PLC for legal services for personnel matters.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the payment of invoice #562641 in the amount of \$3,720.00 from Bodman, PLC.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

### **1. Ballfields Parcel Split**

Manager Moyer-Cale presented Council with a memorandum written to Township Supervisor, Paul Bowman regarding the Parcel Division at 401 Church Street. Discussion was held regarding the future 1.263-acre parcel that will be created and the issues that



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would be created regarding lot size and public street access. Manager Moyer-Cale indicated if the Township was to continue with the proposed plan, they would have to come before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance request. She also stated Supervisor Bowman requested Council waive the fee for coming before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to waive the fees for coming before the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Township would need to submit a written legal opinion stating the owner of the future 1.263-acre parcel would have access to that parcel.

Council took a brief recess at 9:03 p.m. to sign agendas for students.

Council reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

#### **COUNCIL/MANAGER COMMENT**

Councilmember Peltier informed Council there was not a flag at the community park as the rope had been broken, however, he is getting it replaced. He also notified Council the ice rink was going to be put up on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Love thanked Council for considering his version of the blight and nuisance ordinance amendment.

Councilmember Tobias stated he would not be able to attend the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Steffler stated she had been transferred from the Industrial division to the Municipal Storm Water Division at the DEQ. She is hoping she will gain knowledge that will be helpful to the Village.

Manager Moyer-Cale informed Council she is currently in the process of writing a Request for Proposals for a new labor attorney.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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Kimberly J. Keesler  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Steve Schneider  
President

Approved Date: December 15, 2015

