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Richard Tobias

**ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers Absent: Tobias

Staff Present:	Village Manager	Sarah Moyer-Cale
	Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Keesler
	Police Chief	Pat Nael
	DPW Superintendent	Bryan Treat

Guests Present:	Ms. Nancy Boxey	DDA Director
	Ms. Tarra Bashore	
	Mr. Ian Kempf	
	Mr. Tom Moore	
	13 Students	

COMMUNICATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Regular Meeting Minutes, December 1, 2015
2. Warrant #15-12-B, Gen Ck #34652-34688, Equip Ck #1335, EFT #91-93, Park EFT #19
3. October Water Report
4. November DPW Activity Report
5. November WWTP Report



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6. November Police Report
7. Payroll Report
8. Financial Position Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Zoning Ordinance 2nd Reading & Adoption

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Ordinance 193 as presented with the specified changes in the public hearing.

2. Municipal Building Improvements

President Schneider gave a synopsis of the previous night's Township Board meeting. The Board turned down the agreement and did not approve the project mostly due to the cost. Mr. Kempf discussed how the County approaches projects of this type. Discussion was held. President Schneider indicated the Building Committee would meet again to discuss another plan.

3. Resolution No. 15-12-02 – Support Matching Funds for STIP Project

Manager Moyer-Cale gave a summary of the Rural Task Force Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the E. St. Clair road project the Village would intend to do if it were granted those funds. Rowe provided an estimate of the construction costs based on 2018 dollars.

DPW Superintendent Bryan Treat gave a synopsis of the utility infrastructure that should be replaced in correlation with this project. Discussion was held.

President Schneider indicated the following change should be made in the resolution:

- In the sixth paragraph (starting with "Be It Finally Resolved"), add "upon approval by the Rural Task Force" at the end of the last sentence.

Councilmember Lauer moved, Councilmember Dyke seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve Resolution #15-12-02 in support of funding a portion of the E. St. Clair road project not covered by the Rural Task Force funds, with the proposed change made by President Schneider.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Tobias



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4. E. St. Clair Water Main Replacement

Manager Moyer-Cale indicated Rowe had completed the general plan for the water system and recommended the E. St. Clair water main replacement in the 5-year improvement plan based upon priority. Discussion was held.

5. Local Speed Limits

Police Chief Pat Nael explained how the speed limits are determined on local roads. He clarified the Village has accepted the motor vehicle code as it would be more expensive to write our own ordinances and prosecute the offenders. Discussion was held.

6. Documents-on-Demand Proposal

Manager Moyer-Cale gave a synopsis of the proposal for Documents-on-Demand in order to improve transparency, increase the efficiency of the staff and complete FOIA requests quicker. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Peltier moved, Councilmember Lauer seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the Documents-on-Demand proposal in an amount not to exceed \$495 for the initial set up.

7. Synagro Invoice

Councilmember Love questioned if we have gone out for bids on the process of sludge hauling. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Dyke moved, Councilmember Peltier seconded, **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve invoice #20-125575 from Synagro Central, LLC in the amount of \$15,601.60.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Village Attorney

President Schneider indicated there have been issues with our current attorney and recommended interviewing an attorney who has shown interest in having the Village as a client. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council to have the interested attorney come to a meeting for an interview.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Keesler wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Peltier wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. He indicated that if the temperature doesn't drop soon we all will be swimming in the ice rink.



Councilmember Love stated a reflector at the corner of Howland Road and Van Dyke is broken. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Dyke asked if we had received any proposals for our labor attorney request for qualifications yet. Manager Moyer-Cale indicated she has not received any packets but has received several phone calls indicating they were interested.

Councilmember Steffler wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Lauer thanked Councilmember Peltier and Clerk/Treasurer Keesler for the cards and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Manager Moyer-Cale informed Council she will be out of town from December 27th through December 30th.

President Schneider wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: January 5, 2016



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