

**Village of Almond
Board Meeting and Public
December 7, 2021**

Attendance: Mayor/John Meehan, Deputy Mayor/Dennis George, Clerk/Teresa Jaycox, Bookkeeper Julie Phillips, Trustee(s) Paul Gabriel, William Lockwood, CEO Sam Koehler
Absent: Bryan Snyder/Water Superintendent, Andy Hurlburt/Fire Chief, David Giles/Trustee
Visitors – Dan Hegarty, Deputy Town Supervisor

1. Meeting opened with pledge at 7:00 pm.
2. **Mayor Announcements:**
 - Old Business – the Village did not opt out of the (MRTA), Marijuana Regulation Tax. We will be putting up signage in parks and public areas not to smoke on premises to include (3) signs at Greg Norton, and (4) at Lions Park.
 - Dennis said that they are fixing sidewalk and curb by John Meehan's house damaged by main break.
 - Todd Goho is dealing with the State regarding dealing with the grant for the parks.
 - Dennis George – regarding additional utility poles. One on Marvin Lane, Two on school street and chapel street. Will check the wattage on number 22. Also, there is a light out by the park
 - Dennis, Bill, and volunteers put up the Christmas lights and decorations in the park.
 - Remove the light by the fuel tanks. It serves no purpose.
 - Dennis George – update on water town fencing. Awaiting quote for fence and gate. Tractor Supply also carries the gate and Dennis and Bill said they would install.
 - NYMIR – Vacant Property Risk Management
 - Dennis suggested putting barrels and tape around Coslos since being condemned. The building does not go up for sale until after June 21, 2022. Dennis will contact Cash Davis first about closing off the sidewalk.
 - Julie needs to discuss new meeting laws and procedures.
 - Need to join NYS governors finance officer association. The cost is \$90 per person annually. Motion to pay by Dennis, seconded by Bill, all ayes.
 - FEMA concern for creek area. Jamie is working with NYS on this issue.
 - Fire alarm mounted on the hall not usable.
 - Julie reported that Federal Signal is 8-10 weeks out in delivering and installing new board in fire hall. Allegany County said they would program it for us.
 - All the minutes and trailing documents need to be posted on the Website twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting.
 - ARPA is complete
 - On December 31, 2021, clerk can start sending water shut off notices

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- Team viewer due for renewal January 2022. Julie will check amount and pay with credit card next month. Motion to renew contract with Team Viewer by Bill, seconded by Paul, all ayes
- Board discussed the hillside location of the Fire Hall and wants it cleaned up. Clerk will write the letter.
- A question was asked "Who owns the benches in Lion's Park? There are so many stored and not in use at the park. Are they available to the other areas of Village? Answer no, these benches were purchased by the town through a grant. Should be bolted to the ground. Motion to buy two more benches for the Village Bill, seconded Dennis, all ayes.
- John wants to set up a meeting with the Jay Grasso regarding grant writing. He will have him attend the January 2022 meeting to discuss the CHIPS culvert on Maple Ridge and moving the water line. Other needs also.
- Petitions are due in January for Mayor John Meehan and trustees Paul Gabriel and Dave Giles.
- 3. Motion to approve last months minutes with two corrections by Bill, seconded by Paul, all ayes. (Requested (not received) a quote and date that Halloween was changed 10/23/2021, and Dan Deputy Supervisor are the corrections)
- 4. **Clerk Report** – Activity for the month of November includes \$8,487.24 in credits, \$8,457.24 debits paid out, and \$3,942.93 in transfers. Motion to pay the bills by Bill, seconded by Paul, all ayes.
- Certification of Unpaid taxes for both counties have been reported for 2021-22.
- 5. **Bookkeeper/Water Clerk Report** attached.
- Water bond due 12/21/2021. Amount \$9,680.00. Need invoice from Community Bank.
- 6. Water Department – Bryan absent – Dennis reports that nothing to report everything is in good shape.
- 7. **Code Enforcement Officer** – Sam Koehler – Coslo's is condemned. Answered board questions and said to notify the Association of Towns regarding foreclosure process and securing the perimeters.
- 8. **Town Representative** – nothing to report
- 9. **Fire Department** – absent
- 10. **Village Resident** – nothing to report
- 11. **Other Concerns** – included under Mayor announcement.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 by Bill, seconded by Paul, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa L. Jaycox/Village Clerk/Treasurer