

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - April 27, 2016 Time: 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Christian Pfister, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Peter Alberti and Trustee Marla Buter.

ABSENT: Trustee Robert June

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Meeting

1. *Peter Coons, village resident*, attended the meeting to discuss the condition of the road on 4th Street right next to his house. Mr. Coons also emailed a number of photographs of the condition of the road to the Village Board. The rainwater collects in front of his garage on the roadway and because of this the road is in need of repair and drainage.

Trustee Alberti and Mayor Pfister stated that they will visit the area in question this Friday in the morning.

2. *George Stacey, Commander in Chief of the American Legion*, attended the meeting to ask for the Village Board's permission to hold the Annual Memorial Day Parade and also to provide the Village Board with the parade route.

Mr. Stacey noted that the 'step off' for the parade is at 9:00 AM on March 30, 2016. All parties marching should meet at the Little League field at 8:30PM.

He also asked that the Village Board provide traffic control for the event.

3. *Charles Miller*. No show.
4. *Kim Faxon, Manager of the Stewart House*, attended the meeting to answer any questions the Village Board may have regarding their submitted application for outdoor entertainment.

Mayor Pfister informed Ms. Faxon that the Village Board has received a complaint from a resident regarding the garbage on their property. Photos were submitted as well. Has this been taken care of?

Ms. Faxon stated that she was aware of this letter as she received a copy of it. The garbage has been taken care of and she assured the Mayor that the garbage issue will be under control.

The Mayor noted that the Village Board will discuss the application and vote on it later in the meeting as it is on the Agenda.

5. *Susan Norris, who resides on Farm to Market Road in the Village*, attended the meeting to discuss the Athens Dog Park. Ms. Norris owns 11.8 acres which borders the dog park. She has had numerous issues with people trespassing and dogs running loose on her property. Although she does not mind the barking she does however find the dog

excrement and dog toys on her property to be a problem at times. She is concerned that the village may also be mowing on her property a bit.

She would like to see a fence put up by the village.

She is also concerned about someone getting hurt on her property.

The Mayor stated that he will look at the boundaries at the park.

6. *Ronald Coon, village resident*, attended the meeting for two reasons. First of all he was wondering if the village would entertain the idea of holding a 'Block Festival' on Water Street from Third Street to Second Street like they use to do years ago.

Secondly, Mr. Coons discussed his water meter and usage. He was told that he has had an ongoing leak and was promised a report showing the usage but has not received it as of yet. Anthony Proper from DPW has been to his residence to show him the leaks and how the meter has actually been reading the usage correctly. He would still like the report from the Village office as he feels this would help him narrow down when his leaks are occurring.

The Village office will provide him with those reports.

7. *Lisa Heintz, representing Tobacco Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties*, attended the meeting to discuss her mission. Years ago she had attended Village Board Meetings and the Village Board at that time passed Resolutions regarding some of their parks and the use of tobacco. She would like the Village Board to consider making the Riverfront Park smoke free.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Board Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees, hereby, approves the minutes, as amended, from the April 13, 2016 meeting.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of Vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution Approving the Payment of the Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the payment of the vouchers as presented.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Butler
Record of Vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Approving the Budget for FY 2016-17

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees held a public hearing on April 13, 2016 on the Tentative Budget for FY 2016-17

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has since amended the Tentative Budget,

WHEREAS, those amendments are summarized on the attached document,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the Budget as amended for FY 2016-17,

<u>Village Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Recused or Absent</u>
MAYOR PFISTER	X		
TRUSTEE JUNE			X
TRUSTEE LASHER	X		
TRUSTEE ALBERTI	X		
TRUSTEE BUTLER	X		

4. Proposed Resolution Approving Board Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees, hereby, approves the minutes from the April 4, 2016, 2016 Organizational Meeting.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of Vote: All in favor

5. Proposed Resolution Approving Outdoor Entertainment Permit

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, approve the Outdoor Entertainment Permit for the Stewart House, effective from 5/13/16 thru 10/31/16.

Offered by: Trustee Butler
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of Vote: All in favor

6. Proposed Resolution to Enact Law Authorizing Games of Chance within the Village

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Athens, hereby, determines that it is appropriate to establish a local law authorizing Games of Chance within the Village in accordance with the requirements of Article 9A of the General Municipal Law and,

WHEREAS, the Village Board acknowledges that this resolution and the required underlying local law must be achieved pursuant to and subject to a permissive referendum,

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Athens shall and hereby does enact a local law, subject to a permissive referendum, to establish a local law authorizing games of chance within the Village as set forth in the attached; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall become effective without action of the Village Board on the 28th day of May in the year 2016 unless a petition requesting that a Referendum thereon be submitted to voters in the manner required by law.

<u>Village Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Recused or Absent</u>
MAYOR PFISTER	X		
TRUSTEE JUNE			X
TRUSTEE LASHER	X		
TRUSTEE ALBERTI	X		
TRUSTEE BUTLER	X		

7. Proposed Resolution authorizing the American Legion to hold the Annual Memorial Day Parade

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby authorize the American Legion to hold the Annual Memorial Day Parade in the Village of Athens and approves the parade route as presented by George Stacey.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
 Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
 Record of Vote: All in favor

Trustee Reports

Past Business

1. Budget
2. Speed limit on Rt. 385.
3. Transfer of Enforcement Rights to the Town of Athens
4. Roofing ideas
5. Code Enforcement

New Business

1. Siding for Little League buildings
2. Financing for Water Projects/General Fund
3. WAC and ZBA Members needed.

Communications

1. NYS Department of State: Brady Application for Dock Permit
2. Timothy Lent: Condition of the 9 Marlboro Street Property
3. Athens Performing Arts Committee: Request for funding
4. Herman Reinhold: Stewart House upkeep
5. James SanEmeterio: Complaint about condition of Greenwich Street Property
6. NYMIR: Playground Seminar
7. NYS Department of Public Service: Clean Energy Standard
8. Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, Matthew Hosford: Athens LDC monies

Clerk's Report

Adjournment 9:05 PM

Offered by: Trustee Butler
 Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
 Record of Vote: All in favor

