

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, July 13, 2016

Members Present: Mayor Chris Pfister, Trustees Peter Alberti, Robert June, Gail Lasher, Marla Butler and Acting Secretary, Peggy Snyder

Pledge to the Flag

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Pfister

Public Hearing Local Law #3 of 2016; Regulation and Approval Standards for Solar Collection

The newspaper article was announcing the Public Hearing was read by the secretary. Mayor Pfister asked three times if anyone was present that wanted to speak about the Regulation and approval standards for solar Collection. Hearing no confirmations from the public Mayor Pfister asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

- Motion made by Trustee Alberti and seconded by Trustee Lasher to adjourn the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried. Public Hearing adjourned at 6:35 pm

Department Heads

Legal – Tal Rappleyea

- Will look at Scott property issue
- The local law will need to be modified if turning CEO over to Town, will draft something for the next meeting.
- Heinz junkyard, will talk to Mike
- Has spoken to both Carrie Feder and her attorney and they are working on a plan to present.

Department of Public Works – Anthony Proper

- Drainage on River Street almost complete.
- Pick-up is being sent to Selkirk Transmission.
- George Alverson has been digging water line by hand, will take a pump out to get rid of water and see if they can help to fix.
- Brush pile getting out of control, have called Van Etten several times.
- Getting a price from Halsted.
- There are 3 fire hydrants that have to be left high, will paint red to be more visible, if they want lower hydrants they will need to be special ordered, there will be one more going in on Franklin Street.
- Will do ID cards the week after next.
- Street curbs were not painted due to Street Festival, they will be done soon.
- Street Festival sign will be taken down on Friday.
- Have new Street signs, will put up when things settle down.
- Switch at the bandstand needed to be replaced so lights in Park would work properly.
- Weeds at sewer plant need to be cut down.

Fire Department – Adam Greco

- Letter received from ISO, modified scoring system, we are now rated 5.5X, they combined everything. Score is up on a lot of items but not on hydrants. Insurance rate should go down a little. It is a good score.
- Radio transfers in county switching to high band in November. County putting in for grant to help Companies with radio's not pagers. Current pagers work on low band and will no longer work. State contracting price on pagers is \$339.95 per pager. Will take 4-5 months to receive. Need 35 pagers by November. For membership. No discount on price because State contract price. The total expense for pagers is \$11,898.25 for 35 pagers.
- Put this amount on list for budget for Mary Jo in spring but nothing happened.
- The County has been planning this for three years.
- Can try to re-coup some money from pagers from auction but will probably be less than \$2,000 total.
- Need to call and order by end of month so they are here by November, can pay 30 days after receipt of pagers.
- Only \$16,000 in budget and need to keep that money for other equipment. Cannot pull the money from the budget. Adam will not responsible for not having proper equipment.
- Information received on tablets, cost is \$149 per tablet and \$179 per month for service. This information was given to Trustee Alberti to review.
- Awarded \$1500 matching grant for 15-20 wildland jump suits for brush fires.

Code Enforcement – Mike Ragaini

- Not present, no report

Police – Roger Masse

- Introduced Cody Bell as candidate for Police Academy. Graduated from Phase 1 in Ulster County Law Enforcement training group.
- Street Festival went well, some 16 year olds documented.
- Background checks they can do limited, cannot roll fingers, would have to use Sheriff's Department for that. Cost not known.
- Personal matter that needs to be addressed.

VRI – Dale Post

Athens STP

- No permit exceedances noted. Flow averaged 121,000 gpd 2.06" of rain.
- Need to repair process computer, GCS has provided a proposal \$2400
- Need additional work at the station, bilco door, air blower and time clocks, VRI estimates \$5100, waiting for additional contractor to give proposals.
- Need PRZ inspected (Reduced Pressure zone)
- Should have roofs inspected, some concrete from the ceiling inside has been falling.

Brick Row STP

- No permit exceedances noted. Flow averaged 165,000 gpd in June 2016.
- Blower #2 motor has burnt out due to a power surge. Need to replace the entire unit.
- Need RPZ inspected.
- Bullock replaced wires feeding blower #1 on 6/30.

Athens Water

- No process issues to report, flows averaged 165,000 gpd in June 2016.
- NYRWA leak detection located a water leak on Market St. DPW repaired leak on 6/9, DOH was notified. Flows so far for the month of July are around 130,000. This would be a reduction of 100,000 gpd from the start of 2016.
- Would the Village be willing to send a letter of thanks to NYRWA for their help with locating leaks?
 - Mayor Pfister to draft a letter and thanks
- The spare altitude has been repaired and delivered.
- Need to replace check valve on Non-Potable pump inside the plant. VRI repaired.
- SCADA system has been operating normally the past month, only one reboot needed.
- Need to replace screens on filter #1. \$3500.
- Removed Caustic bulk tank and send letter to DEC.
- Completed annual and bi annual inspection of the Dam.

A motion was made by Trustee June and seconded by Trustee Lasher to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 pm to discuss a Police personnel matter. Secretary excused from this portion of meeting. A motion was made by Trustee June and seconded by Trustee Alberti to exit from Executive Session at 8:05 pm. Both motions were unanimous in favor and carried. Secretary returned to meeting.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes from the June 8 and June 22, 2016 Village Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of vote: 5-1, Motion carried

2. Proposed Resolution Setting Hearing Date

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby set July 27, 2016 as the date for a public hearing on Local Law #4, Amendment to chapter 7 Animals Law.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Butler
Record of Vote: 5-0, Motion carried

3. Proposed Resolution for Execution of Engineering contract

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Mayor to contract with Lamont Engineering in the estimated amount of \$37,260.00 for design services, related to the proposed sludge drying bed at the Water Filtration Plant.

Offered by: Trustee June
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of vote: 5-0, Motion carried

4. Proposed Resolution approving Police Academy sponsorship

WHEREAS, Cody Michael Bell is about to graduate from the Ulster county Law Enforcement Training Group,

WHEREAS, the Mr. Bell needs to have a sponsor for Phase 2 of his training,

WHEREAS, there will be no cost to the Village from this sponsorship,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby agree to sponsor Cody Michael Bell for Phase 2 training with the Athens Police Department.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of vote: 5-0, Motion carried

5. Proposed Resolution authorizing Hiring of Bond Counsel

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Mayor to contract with Rodenhausen Chale LLP for bond counsel services related to improvements at the Village of Athens Water Treatment Plant for an estimated amount of \$3,750.00

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: 5-0, Motion carried

6. Proposed Resolution Approving Purchase of LED Lighting for Exterior of Firehouse

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby accept the bid of Stone creek Electric for installation of new LED lighting fixtures on the exterior of the firehouse at a cost of \$2,750.00.

Offered by: Trustee Butler
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of Vote: 5-0, Motion carried

7. Proposed Resolution approving Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED; the Board of Trustees does, hereby authorize the payment of the vouchers as presented.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of vote: 5-0, Motion carried

Trustee Reports

1. Trustee Lasher:

- *Street Festival went well, did not do BBQ because of weather, will do Friday evening on same permit. Rain hurt a little, 6 vendors did not show. Will not have same ride guy again. Some complaints from vendors about being on upper part of Second Street.*

2. Trustee Butler:

- *There are 2 kids whose parents thought they should be able to work who are 13 years old. Dawn stated she would take them as interns without pay.*
 - *Mayor Pfister will talk to Tal regarding this and Labor Laws*

3. Trustee Alberti:

- *Helped Mary Jo to set up amazon Prime Business*

4. Trustee June:

- *Intersection by crossroads still dangerous. Cars parked across from Crossroads by yellow painted curb, need new paint on curbing, maybe a sign and Police to give warnings.*
- *Not good response from Mid-Hudson Cable, do not agree with 15 year contract, much too long. Can we negotiate for less years.*
 - *Mayor Pfister to start dialog with Mid-Hudson Cable*
- *Funding for pagers – need to look at budget again, there is money allocated in budget and the bulk of money needs to come from Fire Company budget.*

5. Mayor Pfister

- *Solar panels in front yards, only in RL District, no rush on adopting.*
- *Email comments to everyone for discussion at another meeting.*

Past Business

1. Website and Available Forms

- *Trustee Alberti has updated website to have all forms. Trustee Alberti to contact Kathleen Packard and get quote to update website.*

2. Roof Bids

- *Mayor stated a few have showed interest and he is showing property tomorrow.*

3. Truck Bids Due July 18

- *Not sure if any received yet.*

4. Street Festival

- *Discussed*

5. Financing for Water Improvement Projects

- *Discussed*

6. Background Checks

- *Mayor Pfister and Trustee Butler to check into this.*

New Business

1. Refusal to Allow Installation of Water Meter

- *Mayor Pfister will check with Attorney Rappleyea on recourse.*
- *Check to see if service is shut off.*

2. Website and available forms

- *Discussed.*

3. Zombies Property Law

- *Discussed*

Correspondence

1. Van Alphen: Notice of Claim

2. Office of State Comptroller: Town of Athens Fine Remittance

3. Public Services Commission: Wireless Rules Changes to Pole Attachment Regs

4. Public Services Department: Request for comments on 518 area Code Changes

5. Peckham Industries: Concerns over Paving Contract

- *All discussed*
6. Paulette Miller: Use of Gym on November 25th for wedding reception
- *Cannot allow for various code reasons.*

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Lasher and seconded by Trustee June, Vote 5 -0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm by Mayor Pfister.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Snyder
Acting Secretary