

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - February 24, 2016 Time: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present

ABSENT: Trustee Robert June

Public Meeting

1. *Randy Squier, Superintendent of the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District* attended the meeting to inform the Village Board of the upcoming re-vote to be held on March 22, 2016. The first vote was turned down by the public so they have decided to break the proposition into 3 separate propositions to be voted on. The first proposition must pass in order for the second or third proposition, or both, to pass.

Mr. Squier presented the Village Board with pamphlets explaining the three propositions and the effect on taxpayers.

2. *Henry Proper, resident of the village*, attended the Meeting to ask the Village Boards permission to use the gym. Mr. Proper has filled out the Facility use application and is aware of the fact that usage for the gym is pretty limited right now. However, he is willing to take any available slots.

The Village Board will vote on the application this evening.

3. *Missy Fitzpatrick, crossing guard for the village*, attended the Meeting this evening to 'fight for her job'.

The position of Crossing Guard at the corner of Vernon Street and Third Street has been eliminated due to a lack of children walking to school and the noted absences of the crossing guard quite often.

Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that in the winter months there are not a lot of 'walkers' and it is fine not to have a crossing guard. However, when the weather gets warm there are plenty of walkers. She also noted that she did not think that it was safe to not have a crossing guard there.

Trustee Lasher noted that she just stated that she has not been there at the times that she was expected to be there.

Mayor Pfister also stated that she has not been consistent in her attendance and he appreciates the concern that she has for her job but the Village Board's decision is set unless the Village Board members disagree and want to discuss it further.

Mayor Pfister thanked her for her service to the village.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Board Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves minutes from the February 10, 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 payment of the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1870, vouchers numbered #10268 through #10288 in the amount of \$10,739.77.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10359, vouchers numbered #19259 through #19267 in the amount of \$12,712.41

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10339, vouchers numbered #8658 through #8663 in the amount of \$12,754.04

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

3. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Use of the Gym

BE IT RESOLVED, the application of Heather Marx to use the gym on Mondays, March 7th- June 9th, from 6 PM-8PM is approved, **pending Trustee Butler's review of the calendar.**

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

4. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Lawn Care Bids

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has used, for several years, an outside service for the maintenance of its lawns,

WHEREAS, the use of this practice has allowed the Department of Public Works to focus its time on the various projects that are assigned,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Village Clerk to solicit bids for the 2016 lawn care season,

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

5. Proposed Resolution on Aged Senior Citizens & Persons with Disabilities Exemption

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, maintain the 2015 income limits for the year 2016

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

6. Proposed Resolution Accepting Auction Bids

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has determined that there are numerous items in inventory that are not used on a regular basis,

WHEREAS, the Village Board has a passed resolution declaring these item to be surplus property,

WHEREAS, these items have been placed on an internet auction site, Auctions International,

WHEREAS, bids were received on all items,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, accept the bids on all items, with the revenue received from their sale to be deposited into the DPW equipment Reserve Account, with the exception of the water flow probe.

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

7. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the use of the gym

BE IT RESOLVED, the application of Henry Proper to use the gym from 9-10 on nights to be determined or not in use is approved

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

8. Proposed Resolution Authorizing adjustment to water bill

WHEREAS Steve and Anna Parasiliti have disputed their water meter reading taken in March 2015 at the time of converting the old meters to the new meters resulting in a higher than average consumption amount

WHEREAS they had asked the Village Board to adjust it and

WHEREAS the Village Board reviewed their usage before the conversion, which was very low, and they have reviewed the past two quarters, which was also very low,

BE IT RESOLVED, a credit of \$51.54 is to be placed on Steven & Anna Parasiliti's water account for the next quarter

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

9. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Village clerk's office to accept payments on the water/sewer account for Alice Ottoson without penalty until May 15th, 2016

WHEREAS, Ms. Ottoson has large leak and has since fixed the leak and is a good paying customer

WHEREAS, as a result of this leak, their water charges were over \$900.00 for one quarter

BE IT RESOLVED, that and that the Clerk's office accept payments without penalty until May 15, 2016

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Butler
Record of vote: All in favor

Mayor's Report

1. Cooperation with Town of Athens on Building Demolition
2. Construction of Office at the Water Plant

Trustees Reports

Past Business

1. Lagoon Decision
2. Roof replacement at Water Plant
3. SCADA upgrades

New Business

1. Damage to Brick Row Blower Motor
2. Budget
3. Water and Sewer Rates
4. Bond Anticipation Note
5. Alice Ottoson Water Bill

Communications

1. Timothy Lent: Complaint about neighboring property
2. NYSDEC: Response concerning request for extension on lagoon project
3. General Controls: SCADA Quotation

Clerk's Report

Adjournment