

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes - January 11, 2017 Time: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

PUBLIC HEARING on local law to establish income levels for real property tax exemptions for senior citizens and persons with disabilities and limited incomes.

The Mayor opened the meeting by having the clerk read the notice that was published in the newspaper.

The Mayor reiterated that the purpose of tonight's Public Hearing is to consider increasing (by \$2,000.00) the maximum income limit for tax exemptions given to the aged and senior citizens and also those persons with disabilities and limited income.

A copy of the 'sliding scale' for both exemptions has been provided to the public and village board members.

This sliding scale already exists and is reviewed annually by the Greene County Real Property Tax Services. After they review the schedule they then can recommend adjustments to village's and towns. This proposed increase is based on their recommendation.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

No comments or questions.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Alberti, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to **exit** the Public Hearing and resume the regular village board meeting.

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Hearing on determination of Unsafe Building Located at 26 North Washington Street, Athens, NY 12015

Department Heads

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| 1. Legal | Tal Rappleyea |
| 2. Code Enforcement | Michael Ragaini |
| 3. Department of Public Works | Anthony Proper |
| 4. Fire Department | Adam Greco |
| 5. Police | Roger Masse |
| 6. VRI Water and Wastewater | Dale Post |

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes from the December 9 and December 28, 2016 Village Board of Trustees meetings are hereby approved as amended.

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

2. Proposed Resolution to Adopt Local Law #1 2017:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, adopt Local Law#1 2017: To Establish Income levels for Real Property Exemptions for persons Sixty-Five (65) years of Age or Over and Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes.

Roll Call:

Gail Lasher	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay
Marla Butler	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay
Peter Alberti	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay
Robert June	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay
Christian Pfister	Aye <u>X</u>	Nay

RESOLUTION passes.

3. Proposed Resolution to Declare the Structure Located at 26 North Washington Street An Unsafe Building

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Village of Athens has ordered the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the structure located at 26 North Washington Street in the Village of Athens and owned by the Church of St. Patrick,

WHEREAS, Chapter 120-4 of the Code of the Village of Athens states that a building, which is so dilapidated, decayed, unsafe or unsanitary or which so utterly fail to provide the basic amenities essential living that it is unfit for human habitation, should be deemed as unsafe,

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer has inspected the residence at 26 North Washington Street and found the structure to be unfit for human habitation,

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer did deliver a copy of his report to the Board of Trustees,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has provided the owner of the structure the opportunity to address the Board,

WHEREAS, the owner of the structure is in agreement with the report of the Code Enforcement Officer that the building is unsafe,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby declare the structure at 26 North Washington to be unsafe and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the owner is ordered to remedy the violation by April 30, 2016 and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the owner is ordered to obtain all permits required by the County of Greene, the Village of Athens and the State of New York, complete an application for a formal site plan review and appear before the Village of Athens Planning Board and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that required approvals will be obtained by the Church of St. Patrick by March 31, 2016.

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

4. Proposed Resolution to Pay Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize payment of the following vouchers as presented or amended:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1911, vouchers numbered #9916508 through #9916531 in the amount of \$82,923.49.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10383, vouchers numbered #9916534 through #9916537 in the amount of \$11,061.28

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10366, vouchers numbered #9916532 through #9916533 and voucher number #9916538 in the amount of \$8,935.00

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

5. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Contract for Generator Services

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Mayor to contract with Cummins Northeast LLC for the 2017 semi-annual inspections of the generators located at the Village of Athens Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Village of Athens Water Filtration Plant for the amount of \$2915.93

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

6. Proposed Resolution Requesting Inspection of Residence

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustee does hereby request that the Code Enforcement Officer take whatever steps that are necessary to inspect the residence located at 16 Constantine Court.

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

7. Proposed Resolution Setting Date for Hearing

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby set 6:30 PM, January 25, 2017 at the Municipal Building, located at 2 First Street as the time and date for a hearing, under Chapter

120 Buildings, Unsafe Buildings of the Code of the Village of Athens, on the condition of the structures located at 7 N. Washington St and owned by Paul Ochs, 90 N. Franklin Street and owned by Antoinette Maurer and 9 Marlboro Street and owned by John and Patricia Florak .

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

8. Proposed Resolution to accept donation and make purchase

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees, under the direction of Chief of police Masse, does hereby accept a donation from the PBA (Police Benevolent Association) in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of an AUD device (defibrillator) and that a second AUD will be purchased by the village with monies being expended from the police equipment budget line item.

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

Past Business

1. Filter repair status
2. Truck status
3. Firehouse lights
4. Wastewater Treatment Plant Spill

New Business

1. Shared service agreements
2. Background checks
3. Sewer Issues

Communications

1. Delaware Engineering: Remediation Report/ Wastewater Plant
2. Lamont Engineering: Bid documents for Drying Bed
3. Lamont Engineering: Sidewalk Specifications
4. State Telephone: Broadband project

Adjournment 8:15 PM
Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: All in favor

Clerk-Treasurer
Mary Jo Wynne