

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes – June 8, 2016 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 –

The Mayor opened the Public hearing by having the Clerk read the notice that was published in the paper regarding the Public Hearing.

The purpose of tonight’s meeting is to hear public comment on the proposed law “expanding residency requirements of Village Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector”.

Copies of the local law in its entirety have been available at the Village Clerk’s office.

The Mayor asked if there were any public comments.

No public comment.

Motion to close Public Hearing and resume regular Village Board Meeting

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of Vote: All in favor

Regular meeting begins.

Department Head Reports

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| 1. Department of Public Works | Anthony Proper | |
| 2. Fire Department | Adam Greco | |
| 3. Code Enforcement | Michael Ragaini | no show |
| 4. VRI | Dale Post | |
| 5. Police | Roger Masse | |
| 6. Legal | Tal Rappleyea | |

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes from the May 25, 2016 Village Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of Vote: All in favor

2. Payment of Vouchers

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

GENERAL – Abstract #1884, vouchers numbered #9915885 through #9915920 in the amount of \$18,410.45

WATER – Abstract #10366, vouchers numbered #9915923 and #9915924 in the amount of \$195.65

SEWER – Abstract #10348, vouchers numbered #9915921 and #9915922 in the amount of \$88.89

Offered by: Trustee Alberti

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Adopting Local Law #2: Expanding Residency Requirements for the Village Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector,

WHEREAS, there is a lack of qualified applicants within the Village of Athens for the position of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector,

WHEREAS, expanding the residency requirements, to include the County of Greene, will provide a larger pool of potential applicants,

WHEREAS, the position of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector plays an important role in the government of the Village of Athens,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve Local Law #2: Expanding Residency Requirements for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee June

Trustee Alberti votes aye.

Trustee Butler votes aye.

Mayor Pfister votes aye.

RESOLUTION passes.

4. Proposed Resolution Setting Date for Hearing on the Solar Array Law

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby declare that a public hearing on Local Law #3, Solar Array Law, will be held on July 13, 2016

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of vote: All in favor

5. Proposed Resolution Approving the Use of Riverfront Park

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the use of Riverfront Park by Stacey's Building Blocs LLC from 9AM until 10:30 AM on 6/16/16 and 6/17/16

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

6. Proposed Resolution Awarding Paving Bid

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Market Street and South Franklin Streets need to be repaved,

WHEREAS, funds are available from the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program,

WHEREAS, potential bidders were invited to provide estimates on the project,

WHEREAS, a review of the bids indicated that the bid under the New York State DOT/OGS program was the most competitive,

WHEREAS, A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. has been awarded this bid,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the mayor to contract with A. Colarusso & So, Inc. for the repaving of Market and South Franklin Streets for the amount of \$95,131.50.

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

7. Proposed Resolution to Advertise for Bids

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the current snow plowing truck has reached a point where upkeep will become costly,

WHEREAS, the current plow truck does not allow year round use due to its construction,

WHEREAS, a new truck will be designed so as to be available throughout the year for a variety of uses,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids on a new Ford Super duty 550 Truck with a stainless steel dump body, stainless steel quick mount plow and a stainless steel electric spreader.

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

8. Proposed Resolution Establishing Tobacco-Free Areas

WHEREAS, the Village has been approached by Lisa Heintz (at a former meeting), of the Tobacco free action of Columbia and Greene Counties regarding the fact that she

would like to the Village to pass legislation making all village owned properties smoke free;

BE IT RESOLVED, all properties owned by the Village of Athens shall be considered tobacco-free with the use of all forms of tobacco prohibited at all times; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all properties will be posted with signs that indicate the prohibition of smoking.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee June
Trustee Butler votes naye
Trustee Lasher votes naye
Mayor Pfister votes aye.

RESOLUTION passes

Trustee Reports

Past Business

1. Solar Information Meeting – June 22, 2016
2. Community Day
3. Tobacco Free Action Campaign
4. Park Electric

New Business

1. Summer Recreation Program
2. Website and Available forms
3. End of year financial situation
4. Damage to Welcome Sign Areas
5. Ferry dockage

Communications

1. Nancy Poylo: Request to trim tree
2. Raymond Donovan: Concerns about closure of the brush pile
3. Office of the State Comptroller: Tax Compliance Form
4. Howard Zar: Concerns over Franklin St. Paving
5. Central Hudson: Stakeholder Engagement General Information Session
6. Office of State Comptroller: Cyber security Forum
7. NYMIR: Changes in policy limits

Adjournment: 9:13 PM

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