

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - November 9, 2016 Time: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

ABSENT: Trustee Robert June

Trustee Peter Alberti exited the meeting at 7:00PM to attend the Athens Community Benefits Foundation meeting.

PUBLIC:

1. *Sandra Strauss, resident of Brick Row*, attended the meeting to discuss a ‘winter problem’ which occurs on Brick row when snow is plowed. The DPW does a great job of plowing the snow, however, the problem lies in that some people do not move their vehicle. This creates a mess. The street cannot be properly plowed. Ms. Strauss noted that Brick Row is not on the Village Code’s snow emergency list so the residents do not legally have to move their vehicle.

Anthony Proper, DPW Director, agreed that it is a problem. Years ago people would move their cars as a courtesy while they plowed the other side. The snow emergency law does not work for Brick Row because there is not enough room on the other side of the street for all of the cars to move at once.

Mayor Pfister stated that although he does not have an answer immediately, he will take a look at the situation and see if there may be a remedy.

Department Head Reports

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

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes from the October 26, 2016 Village Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of Vote:

Tabled until next meeting

2. Proposed Resolution on Request for Use of Village Facilities

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, grant permission to Mr. Billy Bradt for the use of the gym per the schedule listed below:

CA Swarm (Girls Basketball Practice))	Thursdays	11/3-3/23	6PM-8 PM
Hudson Valley Vengeance (Girls Softball Practice)	Sundays	11/6-3/26	8 AM-10AM

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

3. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Blower at Brick Row WTPP

WHEREAS, the Brick Row WTPP has been operating for some time with one Blower Assembly,

WHEREAS, bids were solicited VRI and two bids have been received,

WHEREAS, the lowest bid was received from Excelsior Blower Systems,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the purchase of a new blower system from Excelsior Blower Systems, Inc. at the price of \$5,152.38 for the blower package and \$950.00/Day (plus travel expenses) for startup and training.

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

4. Proposed Resolution Approving Bid for Influent Tank Cleaning

WHEREAS, the influent tank at the Athens Wastewater Treatment is in need of cleaning,

WHEREAS, three bids were received by VRI for the cleaning,

WHEREAS, it is estimated the job will require 4 hours to be completed,

WHEREAS, the lowest bid was received from Blue Diamond Septic,

WHEREAS, funding is available from the Sewer sludge hauling budget line,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby award the bid to Blue Diamond Septic at a rate of \$720.00 per day and \$80.00 per 1000 gallons removed.

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

5. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Payment of Vouchers

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

GENERAL – Abstract #1904, vouchers numbered #9916352 through #9916366 in the amount of \$9,982.08.

WATER – Abstract #10379, vouchers numbered #9916367 through #9916369 in the amount of \$8,646.27.

SEWER – Abstract #10361, vouchers numbered # 9916370 through #9916373 in the amount of \$9,479.14

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

Trustee Reports

Past Business

1. Salt Storage
2. Status of Drying Bed Project
3. Solar Array Law

New Business

1. Repairs to DPW Garage
2. DPW Contract
3. Historic District Guidelines
4. Revisions to Applications
5. Future of Food Pantry

Communications

1. NYSDEC/Kevin O'Connor: Comments on drying bed design.
2. Lamont Engineering: DEC comments on drying bed
3. NYMIR: Driver and Fleet Safety Handbook

Adjournment – 8:40 PM

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

Mary Jo Wynne
Clerk- Treasurer