

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING MINUTES - December 12, 2018

**PRESENT:** Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustee Marla Butler, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Shannon Spinner and Trustee Stephan Bradicich.

*Pledge to the Flag.*

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

1. Village Attorney – Tal Rappleyea

Village Board scheduled a Public Hearing for January 23, 2019 for the proposed changes to the standards for appeals on planning board historic review decisions.

Trustee Butler and Trustee Spinner will work together and consult with the Village Attorney on revising guidelines for the Revolving Loan Fund application.

Employee policy on use of social media/cameras was revisited.

Discussion regarding the transfer of ownership of the Village's Community Center building from the Village to the town ensued.

2. DPW - Anthony Proper

All stumps have been ground with the exception of the one in front of T. Albright residence. VB agreed that it was time to get rid of that one as soon as possible.

The Town of Athens will be submitting an invoice to the Village for services rendered by the Town of Athens Highway Department for assistance provided in repairing a water break on Schoharie Tpk.

Request for handicapped sign on N. Franklin St. (RESOLUTION follows).

Price for rotting battery box on Backhoe was received for \$1100.00.

Hollister Lake (WFP) lights are not working – received a quote for \$2144.00

3. Fire Department – Chief David Disbrow.

The department has received the pagers (37) for the transition to the new high band radio signal per the County. They will budget in the coming year for the remainder that they require.

They are still working out the details regarding the mobile and portable high band radios that they require.

Waiting for response from Athens Community Benefits Grant Program on grant application for pagers.

The Mayor noted to be sure to get the details of what they will need in the next year ready for budget time.

Three applications received for membership (follows).

4. Police Department – Chief Roger Masse - no show
5. Code Enforcement Officer – Michael Ragaini – no show
6. Water & Sewer - Northdome Operations, inc. – Seth Mann & Joe Myers  
Provided the VB with a monthly report of activity for the WFP and WWTP.

Noted the need to fix the lighting at the WFP – the lights have not been working correctly and he would like to have the light fixed by the doorway if possible.

The VB agreed that that light should be corrected and the rest of the lighting should be considered while completing this year’s budget.

Seth Mann also informed the VB that he has received a quote for the sensophone dial alarm for the WFP. The present provider has not been working properly and Northdome recommends that this system be put in place to alleviate emergency situations in the future. The quote is for \$1182.00. Presently the village is paying \$26.50 monthly to Spectrum. There have been numerous problems in the past.

Upgrades for the WFP should be discussed after the New Year.

**APPLICATION- ATHENS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Applicants: Damian Leombruno  
David Douglas  
Nathaniel Brady

**MOTION** made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Bradicich, all in favor to approve the applications as presented

**APPLICATION – Facility Use Application – gym**

Applicant: Hudson Valley Hitmen

**MOTION** made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Butler, all in favor to approve the application as presented

**APPLICATION – Permit to peddle**

Applicant: NRG Community Solar  
TABLED until next meeting

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be approved:

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

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers as Presented

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve payment of the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1982, vouchers numbered #9918334 through #9918369 in the amount of \$97,253.87

WATER FUND - Abstract #10439, vouchers numbered #9918325 through #9918333 in the amount of \$56,768.97

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10419, vouchers numbered #9918319 through #9918324 in the amount of \$9,196.55

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich

Seconded by: Trustee Spinner

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Approving Street Light at 41 N. Franklin St. pole # 104431

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves recommending to Central Hudson that a street light be placed at 41 N. Franklin Street per request of resident:

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of vote: All in favor

4. Proposed Resolution Approving the Appointment of Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the appointment of Mary Jo Wynne to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics and the appointment of Dawn Palmateer to the position of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term of two years with the NYS Department of Health:

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of vote: All in favor

5. Proposed Resolution Approving NORTHDOME OPERATIONS, Inc. Contract

WHEREAS, the contract/agreement for services between the Village of Athens and NORTHDOME Operations, inc. is to expire on December 31, 2018, and;

WHEREAS, the Village Board has been completely satisfied with the services rendered by NORTHDOME Operations, inc at the WWTP and WFP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves to renew the Agreement between the Village of Athens and NorthDome Operations, inc. with an increase of 2.5% CPI for the management and supervision, operation and maintenance of the Village of Athens Waste Water and Water Treatment Facilities for a period of 1 year commencing January 1, 2019:

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of vote: All in favor

6. Proposed Resolution Approving Request for Handicapped sign

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve a request from a resident located at 43 N. Franklin Street to have the DPW place a handicapped sign in front their residence in order to facilitate transporting a wheelchair bound senior from the car to the house:

Offered by: Trustee Spinner  
Seconded by: Trustee Bradicich  
Record of vote: All in favor

7. Proposed Resolution Approving Offices to be filled at Election in March 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve the Clerk-Treasurer informing Greene County Board of Elections of offices to be filled at the March 2019 Election:

2 Trustees – 2 year terms  
1 Mayor – 2 year term

Offered by: Trustee Spinner  
Seconded by: Trustee Bradicich  
Record of vote: All in favor

8. Proposed Resolution Approving NYMIR Insurance Proposal

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve the Insurance Proposal dated 10/10/18 at a total cost of \$63,502.90:

Offered by: Trustee Lasher  
Seconded by: Trustee Bradich  
Record of vote: all in favor

9. Proposed Resolution approving 'No Parking' signs

WHEREAS there has been an ongoing safety issue with parked cars on both sides of the street on Third Street between Montgomery and S. Franklin Streets, making it hard for safety vehicles to be able to get through that area of the road at time,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve the placement of 'No Parking' signs on both sides of the street where noted:

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich  
Seconded by: Trustee Spinner  
Record of vote: All in favor

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Access Physical Therapy and Wellness. Re: Opening.
2. Emurgentcare. Re: Rate Schedule.
3. Scenic Hudson, Inc. Re: River Access Forum.
4. Thomas Sheffer. Re: Resignation.

5. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. RE: Case 18-F0087 - Application of Flint Mine Solar LLC for a certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. Notice of Procedural Conference.
6. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. RE: Case 17-F-0619- Application of Hecate Energy Greene 1, LLC, and Hecate Energy Green 2 LLC, and Hecate Energy Green County 3 LLC for a certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. Notice of Meeting.
7. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. RE: Info on meeting held on December 10, 2018 – ORDER denying interlocutory appeal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Parking on corners and one side of the street parking.
2. Reclaiming green space in front of 21 N. Franklin St. VB agreed that that would be fine if the resident would like to reclaim the lawn in front of their house at their own expense.
3. Climate Planning Tool Gaps – Audrey Kropp – meeting Dec. 20, 2018

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Murphy Drive – question of ownership.
2. Historic Appeal

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Butler, all in favor, to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:45PM to discuss Personnel issues regarding the hiring, firing or discipline of an employee

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Spinner, all in favor, to exit EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:05PM.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:10PM

MOTION made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Bradicich, all in favor

*Mary Jo Wynne*  
*Clerk-Treasurer*