

ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2017 6:30PM

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustee Marla Butler, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Shannon Spinner and Trustee Robert Scott.

Pledge to the Flag

PUBLIC HEARING - Tentative Budget for fiscal year 6/1/17 – 5/31/18

Mayor Peter Alberti opened the meeting by having the Clerk-Treasurer read the public notice that was published in the newspaper informing residents of tonight's hearing.

The Mayor asked if the public had any comments or questions regarding the Tentative Budget.

No Public comment.

The Mayor noted some of the changes in the Tentative Budget.

He also stated that the village did not pass a law to override the tax cap this year so we are limited in how much we can increase the appropriations and therefore the tax rate this year.

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

No Public comment.

MOTION made to CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET CLOSES

REGULAR MEETING OPENS

Department Head Reports

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| 1. Fire Department | Adam Greco |
| 2. Legal | Tal Rapplelea |
| 3. Department of Public Works | Anthony Proper |
| 4. Code Enforcement | Mike Ragaini |
| 5. VRI | Seth Sheridan |
| 6. Police | Roger Masse |

PUBLIC:

1. *Jason Priestly from Lamont Engineering* attended the meeting to update the new Mayor and Village Board members on the status of the Sludge bed project at the Water Filtration Plant.

He noted that the permit is forthcoming from NYSDEC and once it has been approved the project will begin.

The Village DPW and the Town Highway Superintendent have met regarding the work to be done and everyone is 'on board' to start soon.

MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from the March 22, 2017 Village Board of Trustees meeting and the April 3, 2017 Organizational meeting are hereby approved.

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

2. Proposed Resolution approving Claire Parde as Chairperson to the Waterfront Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the current Chairperson (Ann Myers) for the LWRP has asked to be replaced as Chairperson while she still remains as a committee member,

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that Claire Parde, who is currently an active member of the committee, is willing to take on the role as Chairperson of this committee for the completion of her term,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Appoint Clare Parde as the Chairperson of the LWRP (Local Waterfront Advisory Committee).

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

3. Proposed Resolution approving application (as submitted by Claire Parde) for use of the Riverfront Park for Athens Community Day to be held on June 10, 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve the use of the Athens Riverfront Park on June 10, 2017 for the purpose of holding Athens Community Day.

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

4. Proposed Resolution approving declaring tank at WWTP as surplus equipment

WHEREAS, there is a compressor tank that does not have a compressor attached and has been of no service to the Village for several years,

WHEREAS, an offer has been made to purchase it for a fair and reasonable price of \$300.00,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approves declaring the tank as surplus equipment and accepting the bid to purchase of \$300.00

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

5. Proposed Resolution approving the payment of vouchers as presented

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

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1920, vouchers numbered #9916725 through #9916756 and vouchers numbered #9916758 through #9916770 in the amount of \$29,356.90

WATER FUND – Abstract #10390, vouchers numbered #19446 through #19455 in the amount of \$13,980.21

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10374, vouchers numbered #9916782 through #9916785 and vouchers numbered #9916787 through #9916789 in the amount of \$11,351.84

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

6. Proposed Resolution approving use of downstairs room to store Street Festival equipment

WHEREAS, the Street Festival is in need of a place to store items that are needed year to year and they have stored items in the downstairs room of the Community Center in the past,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board Approves storing it in the basement

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

7. Proposed Resolution Appointing a part time Police Officer to the Village's Department

WHEREAS, the Village's Chief of Police has recommended that Brian Dixon be taken off of the Civil Service list and be employed part time for the Village of Athens Police Department,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve the appointment of Brian Dixon from the Civil Service list as a part time police officer for the Village of Athens

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

8. Proposed Resolution in support of Employee Distracted Driver Training

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens recognizes the dangers associated with distracted driving which often results in injuries to employees, damage to municipal property and personal injury and property damage to others;

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens is committed to the safety of its employees, residents and the general public along with reducing the costs associated with automobile accidents such in higher insurance premiums, down time for equipment repairs, overtime pay, and reduction in services to residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Athens will require all municipal employees who drive a municipal vehicle or drive their own vehicle on behalf of the Village of Athens to participate in Distracted Driving Training every two years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village will use the free resources provided by its insurance carrier, NYMIR, to provide this training. (other resources may be used outside of the NYMIR program).

The Mayor will appoint Trustee Robert Scott as the instructor for this training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Trustee Robert Scott will notify NYMIR upon the completion of the Distracted Driving Program by its employees.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

2. NYSDEC. RE: Spill #1407781 - Athens WWTP Water Street.
3. Nadine and James Boulter – residents of 12 N. Church St. Re: request to excavate a small part of the street to create a parking spot.
4. Claire Parde – Application for use of Park. Re: Athens Community Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Agreement for lawn care services (bid agreement) has been signed by both parties.
2. BUE energy vs. MEGA Energy.
3. Website

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Flushing hydrants to begin April 17, 2017
2. BUDGET

ADJOURNMENT 9:30PM

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