

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

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

## *Pledge of Allegiance*

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

## Department Head Reports

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

## Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Board Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees, hereby, approves the minutes from the February 24, 2016 meeting.

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

2. Proposed Resolution Approving the Payment of the Vouchers

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

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1873, vouchers #9915613 through #9915630 in the amount of \$52,548.26

WATER FUND – Abstract #10360, vouchers #9915631 through #9915633 in the amount of \$1040.92

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10340, vouchers #9915634 through #9915637 in the amount of \$2571.60

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

3. Proposed Resolution Making Appointment to the Planning Board

WHEREAS, John Miller has expressed an interest in serving on the Village of Athens Planning Board

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller, previously, was member of the Historical Society of the Newburgh Bay and the Highlands Historical Society,

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller, as a member of the Historical Society, reviewed applications for construction in the historic district,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, approve the application of John Miller to serve as a member of the Village of Athens Planning Board for remainder of the term that began in 2015 and ends in 2020.

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

4. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Central Hudson Gas & Electric to Install Street Lamp

WHEREAS, NYMIR has inspected the Municipal Parking Lot,

WHEREAS, the inspection found the Parking Lot to be in need of additional lighting,

WHEREAS, there is available pole space to attach an additional lamp,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, approve the installation of an additional street lamp in the Municipal Parking Lot,

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

5. Proposed Resolution Directing the Code Enforcement Officer to Proceed with an Action

WHEREAS, the fence constructed at 84 N. Washington Street fails to meet the requirements of Chapter 149 of the Village Code,

WHEREAS, the owners of said property, Carrie Feder and Randall Evans have been advised to seek a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals,

WHEREAS, as of this date the owners have neither corrected the violation nor made application to the Zoning Board of Appeals,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, direct the Code Enforcement Officer to issue a violation to Carrie Feder and Randall Evans.

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

6. Proposed Resolution to set a Public Hearing for March 23, 2016 for the purpose of hearing public comment on a proposed local law for regulating games of chance in the Village of Athens

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

7. Proposed Resolution to hire two new part time police officers for the village of Athens

WHEREAS, William Wyant and Richard Paolino have applied for positions with the village of Athens Police Department,

WHEREAS, the Chief has recommended that they be hired,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, approve their application and hire them to work in the Athens Village Police Department.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of Vote: All in favor

8. Proposed Resolution to decline going forward with the results of the Sleepy Hollow Consolidation feasibility study for Wastewater Treatment

WHEREAS, the Village Board and the APO of Sleepy Hollow Lake contracted with Delaware Engineering, P.C. to conduct a Wastewater Consolidation feasibility Study to explore this possibility,

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering provided the Village Board with the document on the results and also presented their information at a Village Board meeting,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board declines going forward with this project

Offered by: Trustee Butler

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of vote:

Trustee Lasher votes aye

Trustee June votes naye

Mayor Pfister votes naye

RESOLUTION passes

9. Proposed Resolution to transfer ownership of the Village Building to the Town of Athens

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens has offered to complete a feasibility study on the Village Community Center Building for the purpose of perhaps rehabbing and becoming the Town of Athens Building as well as the Village

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens will fully fund this endeavor if the Village will transfer ownership to the Town of Athens

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board will consider transfer of ownership of the Community Center to the Town after the completion of the feasibility study.

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of Vote:

Trustees Reports

The Village Board discussed at length Lamont Engineering's cost analysis of the Water Filtration Plant process waste infrastructure improvements. Lamont Engineering provided options for improvements to process waste and the cost associated with each option.

The Village Board also discussed the tree on Union Street in front of Derek Apa's house. They agreed that it should be removed.

#### Past Business

1. Sleepy Hollow Consolidation Public Hearing
2. Review of Expenses to be Funded by Bond Anticipation Note
3. Water Plant Roof

#### New Business

1. Budget: Calendar
2. Firehouse Furnace
3. Future of Municipal Building

#### Communications

1. Tobacco Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties
2. Insurance Report: Firehouse damage
3. Michael and Sarah Scalera

#### Clerk's Report

Financial Reports were distributed to all Village Board Members for the month of February.

Adjournment at 9:45 PM.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of Vote: All in favor