

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, September 14, 2016

Members Present: Mayor Chris Pfister, Trustees Peter Alberti, Robert June, Gail Lasher, and Acting Secretary, Peggy Snyder

Absent: Trustee Marla Butler

Pledge to the Flag

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Pfister

Department Head Reports

1. Legal, Tal Rapplyea

- Bassett deadline is 9/27, should start getting an RFP ready for demolition
 - Mayor Pfister stated possibly the Town will do the demolition
- Waiting for judge to sign on St. Pierre property
- Need to contact banks involved (7 of them) to proceed on Maurer property
- 9 Marlboro Street, need to order a title search and notify interested parties
- Mike Ragaini has stated that the need to start the process with the Oakes property
- The Notice for Heines on the junkyard has expired and a ticket needs to be issued to appear in Athens Court.
 - Mayor Pfister stated that they also need to charge for the removal of the refrigerator and disposal
- Dog Control Law passed waiting on receipt , will draw up partnership papers for Town
 - Mayor Pfister stated that several shared service agreements are needed, the most urgent is the drying bed. Mayor Pfister has the template to do this just needs to modify specific duties and activities in paragraph one (1)
 - Mayor Pfister stated that there is no chairperson for the waterfront Advisory Committee and asked if this is alright and Attorney Rapplyea stated that it is
- Feder fence, he spoke to both Clinton and shepherd at DOT and they stated the case has been sent to their real estate/easement department for disposition. If they find it ok then they will probably require a State permit to be applied for and insurance coverage provided for the State
 - Mike Ragaini stated that the Planning Board approved the fence to the North as well as across the front

2. Code Enforcement, Mike Ragaini

- Mike stated that he was contacted by the people at Sleepy Hollow and they plan to put storage units on the Sleepy Hollow Realty property. He has given them a ZBA application and told them they need to apply for a variance. They also have plans to build apartments on other property by Brick Row Road
- At 17 North Warren they moved the car from the road into the driveway

3. Department of Public Works, Anthony Proper

- Anthony has received two quotes for sealing the driveway at the firehouse, Showtime and Luigi with Showtime being the lower amount
- Anthony spoke to VanEtten and he has added \$1,000 to price but did not send a bill for the day and a half that he was there. He is supposed to be here next week

- State property on Olivett Rd needs 4" line for sprinkler system. He has given them an application and told them they need to come before the Board.
 - Mayor Pfister stated that they need to keep track of time and materials
- Culvert on North Vernon must go through Pat McLouglin's lawn. He will meet with Chris and Pat to discuss. It can also run north and then down by the cemetery. It must cross North Vernon Street either way you do it
- Clean-up day is October 15th, 8am – 12 noon at the Town
- The curbs have been painted on Second Street and the trees along there are getting beat by big trucks. Would like to bring Fred in and have all trees with limbs hanging in the streets to be trimmed.
- Paulette Miller would like a new sewer tap and he instructed her to come in and fill out and application. This must pass under sewer, water and storm drain
- Anthony explained a couple of items on vouchers that were not understood by Board
- Anthony stated was not able to borrow County's stump grinder at time it was needed so rented one

A motion was made by Trustee Alberti and seconded by Trustee June to enter into executive session to discuss employment history of a particular person. All in favor, motion carried at 7:12 pm

A motion was made by Trustee Alberti and seconded by Trustee June to leave executive session. All in favor, motion carried at 7:25 pm

4. Fire Department, Adam Greco

- Not present

5. VRI, Dale Post

Athens STP

- Flow slightly up from last month
- Start getting things repaired and use budget
- Waiting for bullock to give a price for electrical work
 - Mayor Pfister asked that the mowing be done on both sides and the brush be cleared and the weeds gone along the fence

Brick Row STP

- Flow is down slightly
 - Mayor Pfister asked that the blower be fixed and use money from Capital Fund

Athens Water

- Flow average down from July
- Valve was received will schedule with DPW
- Ordering screens from West Tech
 - Mayor Pfister stated the roof needs one more coat per RFP specifications

*Full Report attached

- Dale stated that he went to Lombardo property after being called for metallic taste in water. Nothing from the tap but slight taste from water in refrigerator. Tested today and everything was normal, he will keep in contact with resident.
- A woman from North Washington complained of sulfur smell but does not want them to come into her home.
- EPA has mandated all schools to collect sample from all sources for lead and copper. No word back yet from the school principle. Hoping the school maintenance crew can collect the samples.

6. Police, Roger Masse
 - Two officers have started schooling
 - One way street on lower Second Street worked well for music in the park
 - Vandalism in the park to the bandstand, filed a report and talked to people in the area
 - Need more communication if there is a problem with the invoices, he should be called and he will handle right away, do not wait for several weeks
 - Trustee Lasher asked if there is a policy regarding residents sitting in the police cars chatting with the officer on duty. Chief Masse stated there is not a policy but it should not be done and asked for Trustee Lasher to contact him regarding this.
7. Public, Sullivan (Sully) Walsh 104 North Washington Street
 - Purchased the old Mackawomic Fire Station on March 4th and is working on structure. Just put a new roof on and is now putting on gutters. CEO Mike Ragaini instructed him that he wants him to tie in directly to the storm drain and was told to come to meeting to get permission and he could pay village to do through an open permit. It is 25'6" in total distance of pipe.
 - Trustee Alberti will contact Steve Sheppard at DOT to question what needs to be done in this case since it is a State highway.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving the Minutes

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

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: 4 -0, Motion carried

2. Proposed Resolution on Request for Use of Village Facilities

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby, grant permission for the Athens community Day to use Riverfront Park on June 10, 2017 from 8:00 AM until 9:30 PM.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of Vote: 4 -0, Motion carried

3. Proposed Resolution Approving Outdoor Entertainment

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby, approve the request of the Athens community Day, to provide outdoor entertainment during various parts of the community Day program on June 10, 2017, providing that the noise emanating from said entertainment is kept at moderate levels.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: 4-0, Motion carried

4. Proposed Resolution Awarding Seal Coating

WHEREAS, the condition of the firehouse driveway/parking lot has deteriorated to the point where it requires new seal coating,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens obtained two written costs for the resurfacing and relining of the firehouse driveway/parking lot,

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was received from It's show Time Sealcoating

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby award the sealcoating bid to It's Show Time Sealcoating in the amount of \$2600.00.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of Vote: 4 -0, Motion carried

5. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the department of Public Works to Purchase Various Materials Under Greene county Resolution No. 169-16.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, authorize the Village of Athens Public Works Department to purchase various items using Greene county Resolution No. 169-16.

Offered by: Trustee June
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of Vote: 4-0, Motion carried

6. Proposed Resolution authorizing the Purchase of Propane under Greene County Resolution No. 215-16.

WHEREAS, the Greene County Legislature did advertise and receive bids for Propane,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens is permitted to purchase under County bid awards,

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was Nolan Bottle Gas Company Inc.,

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the purchase of propane supplies from Nolan Bottle Gas Company Inc. for the fixed price of \$0.68 per gallon during the period beginning on September 1, 2016 and ending on August 31, 2017.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: 4 – 0, Motion carried

7. Proposed Resolution authorizing the Purchase of Diesel Fuel under Greene County Resolution No. 216-16.

WHEREAS, the Greene County Legislature did advertise and receive bids for #2D Diesel Fuel,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens is permitted to purchase under County bid awards,

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder was KOSCO,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, authorize the purchase of #2D Diesel Fuel from KOSCO, for the period beginning on August 16, 2016 and ending on August 15, 2017.

Offered by: Trustee June
Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Record of Vote: 4 – 0, Motion carried

8. Proposed Resolution authorizing Payment of Vouchers

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

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: 4 – 0, Motion carried

*There was a discussion regarding three vouchers for the Fire Department, the purchase of a buffer, a six month old invoice from Ben Funk and why everything is purchased from Garrison, if prices are being checked.

9. Proposed Resolution for Michael Black

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize Michael Black to store building materials on the sidewalk in front of his house for a total of (90) ninety days, after which, the materials must be removed.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: 4 – 0, Motion carried

Trustee Reports

None

Old Business

1. Dog Control Officer Amendment Status
 - Talked to Town, waiting to hear back
2. Comptroller's Report
 - Mary Jo not present, next month
3. Michael Black Request for Use of Sidewalk
 - Resolution passed but will need an insurance certificate from him with the Village named on it
4. Status of Feder/.Evans Fence
 - Discussed with Attorney Rapplyea

New Business

1. Vandalism in Park
 - Discussed with chief Massee
2. Review of Athens Community Foundation Grant Requests
 - Youth program, website
3. Brainstorming session on Possible Village Improvement Projects/State of the Village
 - Better Code Enforcement
 - Meetings with business owners and Board
 - Banners on poles where flowers were
 - Walking tour pamphlet updated
 - Possible pamphlet put at the Willows on Rt 385 with Athens information
 - Joint discussions with Hudson on Ferry service and brewery tours
 - Upgrade sidewalks, possible grant funding
 - Pet refuse disposal stations
4. General Information Handout
 - Given to Trustees
5. Award of Fuel Oil Bid
 - Unanimous decision to remain using Main Care for furnace repairs and upkeep
6. Community Day chairperson
 - Chairperson needed, everyone should think about whom could fill this position

Communications

1. NYSDOS: Termination of consistency review on Brady dock systems
2. Margery Wiesehahn: Request to have tree trimmed
3. NYMIR: Announcement of seminar for ZBAs and Planning Boards
4. Peter Lopez: Letter of support for proposed Apfel riverfront project
5. NYSDOT: Announcement of grant availability
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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Alberti and seconded by Trustee June, Vote 4-0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm by Mayor Pfister.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Snyder
Acting Secretary