

MINUTES - VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

May 10, 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:

1. *Al Ramm, resident of the village and president of the Athens Seniors Club, attended the meeting to thank the Village Board for their continued support of the Seniors Club. The Club really appreciates it and hopes that the support can continue.*

The Village Board responded 'your welcome'.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. *Legal-Tal Rappleyea*

The Village Attorney stated that the situation with Ochs property has come to its deadline. The property owner has given many excuses and has been given many adjournments and it is recommended to go forward with a Resolution giving him 30 days to start the project and 60 days to complete the project. The order will be sent down.

The Village Board agreed.

Mr. Rappleyea also asked the Mayor if he wanted him to talk with the town regarding the Florak property and the Maurer property.

The Mayor stated 'yes'.

The Mayor also asked the Village Attorney to look into revising the snow emergency law as they have discussed and also pursuing the solar array law, which the village had already looked into previously.

(Paul Ochs did show up at the meeting later after the Village Attorney left the meeting. The Mayor stated that the Village Attorney had been at the meeting and the property had been discussed.

Mr. Ochs inquired as to whether action had been taken?

The Mayor and the Village Board stated that action had been taken and the Village Attorney would be in touch with him.)

2. *Code Enforcement-Mike Ragaini. No Show.*
3. *Department of Public Works-Anthony Proper*

The tractor windshield needs to be replaced due to a branch hitting it. Cost is \$669.00

Prices for the parts needed at the Water Filtration Plant for the drying bed project were received from Vellano Bros. in the amount of \$4,695.00. They are the only vendor carrying these items. He would like to purchase them now as they take a long time to ship. He needs them there when the project is ready to go.

Riverfront Park – APAC asked that a stair be built on the back of the stage and also can stone be put under the picnic tables due to the mud?

Anthony also noted that the Town would like the Village to purchase an 8-foot fire hydrant and then they will reimburse the village.

Anthony informed the VB that Wayne Butterworth (DPW laborer) and he attended the lab portion of their water certification program.

4. *Fire Department-Adam Greco*

Mandatory annual hose testing will be held May 23rd and 24th.

Truck 23 will be at Martinez for factory paint repairs.

May 20th the AVFD will be attending the parade in Hudson.

Fire Chief Greco informed the VB of the swift water-training course that was held and attended by several members of the fire department. He also displayed some of the equipment that would be needed in order to carry out the rescue activity.

He stated that he has two quotes for the equipment and would like the VB to approve the purchase of some of these items as he does have the money in his budget this year.

Trustee Butler asked him if he has provided the Clerk-Treasurer with the check for propane and cleaning yet?

The answer is 'no'.

5. *VRI-Seth Sheridan and Dale Post*

Provided the VB with a monthly report.

Seth informed the VB that the NYSDOH is requiring that the Village complete their lead and copper sampling reporting results this year. He will be working with Anthony Proper and the Clerk-Treasurer to complete a monitoring plan that will be approved by the state and then go forward with the actual testing and results.

Seth also mentioned that he has been doing the twice a year cleaning of chlorine contacts at the WFP, General Control Systems is providing pricing for backup

computer system and they are also looking into pricing to replace the carbon filters at the WFP.

The Mayor discussed the proposals received for the dam inspection and also noted that the Mayor is in the process of updating the Emergency Action Plan.

Seth wanted the VB to know that the mortar around the bricks at the WWTP seems to be deteriorating. Someone should take a look at it.

The Village Board also discussed the power outage at the WFP with VRI. The Mayor stated that from now on when the battery backup goes off someone from VRI would be sure to check into the problem as soon as possible.

VRI agreed.

6. *Police- Roger Masse introduced newly appointed Brian Dixon.*

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lighthouse Church – Application to use the Riverfront Park (they previously submitted a letter).

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher to approve the application with the stipulation that there be no amplified music and no sound checks before 10:00AM, Seconded by Trustee Spinner, all in favor

2. The Stewart House/ Happy Jakes. Application for outdoor entertainment.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Butler, all in favor, approving the application as submitted.

MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from the April 24th and April 28th Village Board Meetings are hereby approved.

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of vote: All in favor

2. 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 #1923, vouchers numbered #9916826 through #9916863 and voucher #9916871 in the amount of \$112,207.77

WATER FUND – Abstract #10393, vouchers numbered #9916864 through #9916866 in the amount of \$315.95

SEWER FUND –Abstract #10376, vouchers# 9916867 through #9916870 in the amount of \$6749.14

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

3. Proposed Resolution approving the payment of two Koester Associate invoices in the amount of \$82,168.00

WHEREAS, due to an emergency situation at the Water Filtration Plant, the purchase of two replacement filters and filter underdrains were approved by the Village Board at an emergency meeting held on December 9, 2016,

WHEREAS, the Water Fund does not have the funds to pay for this emergency purchase,

WHEREAS, the General Fund does have the Fund Balance to pay for this unforeseen and emergency purchase,

BE IT RESOLVED that the VB approves payment from the General fund in the amount of \$82,168.00 to Koester Associates

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

4. Proposed Resolution approving 4th Street Valve purchase in the amount of \$5,000.00

WHEREAS, it has been determined that for several years there has been a substantial leak in the municipal water distribution system on 4th street ,

WHEREAS, the village will need to purchase an insertion valve in order to regulate the water in order to fix the leak,

WHEREAS, the village DPW will provide the labor

BE IT RESOLVED that the VB approves the purchase of an insertion valve for this purpose in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00

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

5. Proposed Resolution approving Beer Booth

WHEREAS, the Athens Volunteer Fire Department purchases a vendor spot at the Athens Street Festival annually to sell beer,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board approves of the Athens Volunteer Fire Department selling beer at the Athens Street Festival

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

6. Proposed Resolution to purchase Swift water Rescue equipment

WHEREAS, several members of the fire department attended the swift water rescue training and are certified to act on this behalf and,

WHEREAS, there is still money available in the fire department budget for this fiscal year for equipment,

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has recommended that a purchase of 6 life jackets and 1 orange wet suit be purchased at the quoted price of \$1920.00,

BE IT RESOLVED that the VB approves the purchase of the above mentioned equipment for the fire department

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Greene County Solid Waste. Re: Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.
2. Greene County Office of the Administrator. Re: Governor Cuomo's Revenue Budget Bill – County-wide shared services property tax savings plan
3. Athens Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Re: Annual Officer election
4. CDPHP. Re: Health Insurance.
5. NYSDOT. Re: CHIPS \$\$.
6. Athens Cultural Center. Re: Request to use the temporary stage. **MOTION** made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor to approve use of the temporary stage by the Cultural Center.
7. Woidt Engineering & Consulting, PC. Re: Contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BUE energy vs. Direct Energy. **MOTION** made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor approving that the Mayor sign the contract with BUE for electric charges.
2. NYSDEC. Re: Hollister Lake Dam – Notice of condition Rating
3. Local Law for 'Regulation and approval standards for solar collection systems?'
4. NYSDEC. Re: WWTP Spill #1407781 – monitoring wells, quarterly reports and excavation.
5. Website

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NYSDOH – Lead testing

Financial Reports for the month of April have been distributed to all VB members.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Spinner to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Spinner to exit Executive Session at

ADJOURNMENT – 10:00PM

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of vote: All in favor