

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES- July 12, 2017 6:30PM

*Pledge to the Flag*

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

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the consideration of the adoption of the following local law:

Local Law #5 – Revising Chapter 250 of the code of the village of Athens to regulate solar energy

The Mayor highlighted the specific addition of treating a small-scale solar installation as a ‘special use’.

The Public Hearing was open to comments and concerns by the public.

No Public Comments were made.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Spinner, all in favor to close the Public hearing.

## **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

## **REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OPENED**

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

1. Tal Rappleyea – Village Attorney informed the VB that the vehicle and traffic law has been filed with NYSDOT. He also is following up with the Town of Athens on the buildings that need to be torn down in the village.
2. Fire Chief Adam Greco informed the VB that the AVFD has received a Terry Farrell grant award which will enable them to take ownership of a ‘rescue vehicle’. This grant program allows communities in need of certain pieces of equipment receive it from other communities that no longer need the equipment.

**A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Spinner, all in favor, to take ownership of the property for the AVFD.**

3. Anthony Proper, Foreman of the DPW, discussed a few things with the VB:

- He has received 3 bids for the manhole needed at the WFP for the sludge project.
- Due to the Town of Athens construction at the Town garage, the Town will need a new water meter. Should the Village or Town pay for it? Customarily the first meter is purchased by the Village, thereafter the customer purchases it.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Butler, all in favor, to have the Village purchase the radio read water meter for the Town of Athens.

- The brush pile behind the Firehouse is getting ‘out of control’ again. We may have to close it down for a while or close it on the weekends. To be discussed further.
- Mr. Proper discussed the fact that he would like to make Third Street from S. Franklin Street to the Seniors Center (Catskill Mt. Housing) ‘one way’. To be discussed.

Trustee Lasher wanted it to be part of the record to state ‘what a wonderful job the DPW crew did for the Athens Street Festival. The Crew went above and beyond in helping them with the Festival’.

4. Roger Masse – Police Department. No Show
5. Mike Ragaini – Code Enforcement. No Show
6. Seth Sheridan- representing VRI, provided a report to the VB. He also noted the re-pointing of brick at the WWTP and also informed them that GCS is still working on a backup computer for the Plant.

## **MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS:**

### 1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Scott

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 Approves payment of the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND- Abstract #1931, vouchers numbered #9917015 through #9917032 and vouchers numbered #9917042 through #9917043 in the amount of \$14,804.47

WATER FUND – Abstract #10397, vouchers numbered #9917033 through #9917036 and voucher #9917044 in the amount of \$22,412.11

SEWER FUND- Abstract #10381, vouchers numbered #9917037 through #9917037 in the amount of \$14343.68

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. PERMA review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2. Recreation Program

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. US Army Corps of Engineer. Re: Permit Application No. NAN-2017-00776-UBO
2. State of New York – Supreme Court County of Greene. Re: Notice of Petition for review of Assessment for 2017
3. Monty Jordan. Re: Return of Village Tax bill.

Trustee Lasher noted that the ‘Tree Committee’ has been meeting and they are planning on putting on a presentation at the next VB Meeting.

Trustee Butler informed the VB that Marshall & Sterling (Village’s Insurance Co.) are sending a representative to come down and look at the tree on the corner of Second Street and S. Franklin Street (Gaudette residence). They will advise the VB.

Trustee Lasher stated that the Village DPW could just block off that section of the sidewalk where the tree is located with caution tape until the VB researches options besides cutting it down. A letter could be written to that effect as well.

The VB agreed to table the decision until the next meeting.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Spinner, all in favor to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss the DPW Contract

A MOTION was made Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Spinner, all in favor to exit EXECUTIVE SESSION and resume the regular VB Meeting at 8:35PM

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:35PM**

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

Mary Jo Wynne  
Clerk-Treasurer