

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES- October 10, 2018 6:30PM

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

*Pledge to the Flag*

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to read the notice which was published in the Newspaper regarding the Public Hearing –

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Board of Trustees shall hold a public hearing on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018 at 6:30PM at the Village Hall, 2 First Street, Athens, N.Y. for the purpose of determining whether to remove a Planning Board Member from the Planning Board for failing to obtain required training.

The Mayor noted that the Village recently passed a law- as is the state law- requiring that Planning Board Members complete at least 4 years of training per year. If the requirement is not met it is grounds for removal from the Board. It has come to the VB's attention that one of the members has not met this criteria.

Planning Board Member Kurt Parde informed the VB that he has just recently completed the training and provided the Mayor with the documentation for it.

The Village Attorney noted that that was what they were looking for.

Mayor Alberti thanked him for coming and asked that a copy of the documentation be filed with the Planning Board Secretary.

Trustee Butler Motioned to exit the Public Hearing at 6:37PM.  
Seconded by Trustee Lasher,  
All in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING closed.**

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING opens.**

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

### *1. Tal Rappleyea – Village Attorney*

Discussed the Village's Revolving Loan Fund and the fact that there is money available for residents to borrow, but the standards are rather high so the VB may want to revisit the agreement.

He also noted that he has reviewed other communities appeals process and has found that the majority of them are handled the same as the village of Athens. He provided some information to the VB to review.

The State's Sexual Harassment Policy was also discussed. The state mandates that it be passed and training take place within a year.

2. *Wayne Butterworth attended in place of Fire Chief David Disbrow*

Mr. Butterworth introduced member of the AVFD Mark Dinkelacker and a representative of the Rip Van Winkle Council for Greene and Ulster Counties to ask the Village Board if they would support an Explorer program. The Explorer Program is part of the Boy Scouts of America. In order to implement this program in the Fire Dept. they need a chartered partner. They are hoping that the Village of Athens will be that chartered partner.

Information was provided to the VB listing what the Explorer program entails and what they can and cannot do for the Fire Department. It is composed of a co-ed group of individuals between the ages of 14 and 21. Due to the lack of volunteer firefighters this program entices younger people to help the Fire Department members and perhaps want to join when they are older.

The Explorers also have their own insurance and will provide the village with a Certificate of insurance.

The AVFD is looking for the VB's support ASAP so that they may apply for funding through the ACBF.

(RESOLUTIONS follow)

The issue of Radios for the Fire Dept. was discussed again. Mr. Butterworth provided the Village Board with 2 quotes on Radios (Wells Communication - \$25,177.57, COMCO - \$21,165.09).

Parking on Third Street was discussed as well.

3. *Anthony Proper – DPW*

Discussed trees and Stump grinding. (RESOLUTION follows).  
Hydrant flushing is taking place.  
The transmission on the pick-up truck is behaving badly again.

Mr. Proper discussed the fact that he would like to purchase a new water tap machine. The prices range from \$2,114.00 to \$2,400.00. He would like to purchase the machine from Ferguson Waterworks for \$2400.00 due to the fact that all of the village's water 'parts' and so forth are from Ferguson. That would make working on water projects easier. (RESOLUTION follows)

4. *Mike Ragaini – Code Enforcement Officer – no show*

5. *Roger Masse – Police Chief – no show*

6. *Joe Meyer- Northdome.*

Distributed monthly reports to the VB for the Water Filtration Plant, Brick Row WWTP and Water Street WWTP.

TRUSTEE BUTLER EXITS meeting at 8:10PM

**MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on September 26, 2018 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich  
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher  
Record of vote: Trustee Spinner votes aye  
Trustee Butler absent for vote  
Mayor Alberti votes aye

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 #1976, vouchers numbered #9918201 through #9918224 in the amount of \$180,767.36

WATER FUND – Abstract #10435, vouchers numbered #9918227 and #9918228 in the amount of \$13073.45

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10414, vouchers numbered 9918225 and 9918226 in the amount of \$563.12

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich  
Seconded by: Trustee Spinner  
Record of vote: Trustee Lasher votes aye  
Trustee Butler absent for vote  
Mayor Alberti votes aye

3. Proposed Resolution Approving the Updated Sexual Harassment Policy

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has a policy in place for sexual harassment and,

WHEREAS, the State of New York has issued an updated version of the Sexual Harassment Policy for all Employers in New York State to model if they choose;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village approve updating and adopting New York State's most recent Sexual Harassment Policy for all employers in New York State:

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

4. Proposed Resolution Approving the Pumpkin Parade

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the Pumpkin Parade Committee's request to hold their Annual Pumpkin Carving and Parade on October 28, 2018 as specified in their letter:

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich  
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher  
Record of vote: Trustee Spinner votes aye  
Mayor Alberti votes aye

5. Proposed Resolution Approving the Explorer Program

WHEREAS, the AVFD has asked the Village Board to sponsor the Explorer Program for young people to work in conjunction with the Boy Scouts to help the Fire Department in various aspects as outlined and therefore perhaps spark interest in joining the Fire Department in future years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board approve becoming a chartered partner and thereby allow them to implement this program between the AVFD and the Explorer Program:

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

6. Proposed Resolution Approving Appointment of Liaison to the Explorer Program

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve Appointment of Mark Dinkelacker as liaison to the Explorer program:

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

7. Proposed Resolution Approving the Purchase of a knockbox for the AVFD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve, upon the request of the AVFD, the purchase of a knock box for their trucks:

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

8. Proposed Resolution Approving Grinding of Tree Stumps throughout the Village

WHEREAS, there are 18 tree stumps that need to be ground as a result of recent tree cutting throughout the village and;

WHEREAS, the DPW has provided an estimate of \$1890.00 per month to rent a stump grinder and will be obtaining an estimate from a vendor to come and grind the stumps as well;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that if the estimate for a vendor to come and grind the stumps is less than the \$1890.00 cost to rent a tub grinder then the VB authorizes the DPW to move forward with contracting to have the work done by the Vendor:

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

9. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a New Water Tap Machine

WHEREAS, the village DPW would like to purchase a new water tap machine and the Director has received prices to purchase this equipment in the range of \$2100.00 to \$2416.00, and;

WHEREAS, the DPW Director has stated that he would like to purchase the water tap from the Vendor (Ferguson Waterworks) that is not the lowest cost - \$2416.00 due to the fact that all of the Village's water parts, supplies and equipment are from Ferguson and;

WHEREAS, the probability of running into compatibility issues is less with purchasing from Ferguson Waterworks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the VB authorize the purchase of a water tap machine from Ferguson Waterworks at a cost of \$2416.00:

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. SRO check from School. Re: payroll vs. tax amount.
2. Ostrander water bill – Attorney resolving.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Policy for recording- Attorney will provide for next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Keith Rodan and Edye Weissler. Re: Crossroads Brewing Co. Noise level.

2. Pumpkin Parade Committee. Re: Request to hold parade.
3. Greene County Administrator. Re: Estimated amounts for WC – fire and streets.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

8:35 PM

*Mary Jo Wynne*  
*Clerk-Treasurer*