

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - October 12, 2016 Time: 6:30 pm

## *Pledge of Allegiance*

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

Trustee Robert June joined the meeting at 6:40PM.

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

Tonight is the second night for hearing public comment on the Mid-Hudson Cablevision Franchise Contract with the village. The Public Hearing was opened on August 24<sup>th</sup> 2016. It has been kept open for the public.

The Mayor noted that there have been some changes made to the contract which was originally submitted by Mid-Hudson Cablevision. Originally, Mid-Hudson Cablevision asked for a contract term of 15 years. The Village Board was uncomfortable with that so the contract was changed to a 10-year contract with an auto-renewal of 5 years. Also, the penalty for each month that the franchise fee is not paid is 1.5%.

The Mayor asked three times if there was anyone in attendance that would like to make a comment regarding the contract?

No comments were made

MOTION made by Trustee Alberti, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to close the Public Hearing for the MH Cablevision contract.

## Department Head Reports

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| 1. Legal                      | Tal Rappleyea  |
| 2. Code Enforcement           | Mike Ragaini   |
| 3. Department of Public Works | Anthony Proper |
| 4. Fire Department            | Adam Greco     |
| 5. VRI                        | Dale Post      |
| 6. Police                     | Roger Masse    |
| 7. Planning Board             | Maggie Moree   |

## Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes from the September 28, 2016 Village Board of Trustees meeting are hereby approved.

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

2. Proposed Resolution on Request for Use of Village Facilities

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, grant permission to the Light House Church to use the streets of Athens for a Hay Ride, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, on October 28, 2016, utilizing the route provided in the accompanying application

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

3. Proposed Resolution for Approval for Connection to the Village of Athens Water System

WHEREAS, NYS DASNY, located at 3 Olivett Lane has been directed to install a new sprinkler system,

WHEREAS, Condor Fire Sprinkler Co., LLC has been retained to do the planning and installation of the system,

WHEREAS, M. Sullivan Construction, Inc. is a subcontractor on the project,

WHEREAS, a new water line connection is required for the sprinkler system,

WHEREAS, the applicant will be responsible for all costs relating to the water line connection plus a fee of \$500.00 for a commercial water tap,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby grant permission for NYS DASNY/M. Sullivan Construction Co. Inc., to connect to the Village of Athens Water System.

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

4. Proposed Resolution Approving Facility Use Application

WHEREAS, the Coxsackie-Athens Little League provides a valuable service to the Village and Town of Athens,

WHEREAS, the Coxsackie-Athens Little League agrees to provide proof of insurance coverage to the Village of Athens,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby, grant permission for the Coxsackie-Athens Little League to use the Municipal Building gym, for baseball practice per the following schedule:

Saturday 1/7-4/29 from 3:00 PM-6:00 P.M.

Sunday 1/8-4/23 from 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

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

5. Proposed Resolution Approving Contract

WHEREAS, Mid-Hudson Cablevision, Inc. has applied to the Village of Athens for a renewal of its contract authorizing use of the village right of way,

WHEREAS, the required public hearings on the proposed contract have been held on August 25, 2016 and October 12, 2016,

WHEREAS, the contract has been amended as a result of recommendations from those hearings,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Mid-Hudson Cablevision, Inc. authorizing the use of the village right of way for cable television service within the Village of Athens,

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| Offered by:     | Trustee June    |            |
| Seconded by:    | Trustee Butler  |            |
| Record of Vote: | Trustee Lasher  | votes aye  |
|                 | Trustee Alberti | votes aye  |
|                 | Mayor Pfister   | votes aye. |

RESOLUTION passes.

#### 6. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize payment of the following vouchers, with the exception of the Wells Communication invoice #173724 and #172845 in the amount of \$4559.86, as presented:

GENERAL FUND- Abstract # 1900, vouchers numbered #9916264 through #9916290 in the amount of \$16,605.18.

WATER FUND –Abstract #10376, vouchers numbered #9916291 through #9916292 in the amount of \$8571.99

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10359, vouchers numbered #9916293 through #9916295 in the amount of \$9562.92

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

#### Trustee Reports

#### Past Business

1. Comptroller's Report
2. Sleepy Hollow Proposal
3. Status of Drying Bed Project
4. Vandalism in Park.
5. ACF Applications
6. Salt storage
7. Tank replacement costs at WTTP.

#### New Business

1. DPW Structure
2. Repairs to DPW Garage

#### Communications

1. NYCOM Meeting on Legislative Priorities
2. NYMIR Seminar on Safe Driving
3. NYCOM Webinar: Planning and Zoning Basics
4. Columbia County Planning and Development: Land Use Training
5. Condor Fire Sprinkler Co: 3 Olivett Lane (NYSDASNY )

Adjournment – 9:20PM

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

MJ Wynne  
Clerk-Treasurer