

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - November 14, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustee Marla Butler, Trustee Gail Lasher and Trustee Shannon Spinner

ABSENT: Trustee Stephan Bradicich.

Pledge to the Flag

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Village Attorney - Tal Rappleyea

Inquired as to whether there were any questions regarding the historic appeal standards that he distributed to all the Village Board Members.

Noted that he has upgraded the RLF application to reflect the new income guidelines.

2. Code Enforcement Officer - Michael Ragaini – no show

3. DPW - Anthony Proper – no show – on vacation

4. Fire Department – Wayne Butterworth attended on behalf of Chief David Disbrow

The Fire Dept. has received their pagers and they will budget next year for the remaining.

They are still researching the mobile and portable high band radios that they will need to purchase.

Physicals for AVFD members were also discussed.

It was also noted that the siren will have to be updated with the new high band frequency.

On another note, the Mayor discussed a few DPW items with Mr. Butterworth. Those being:

Leaf pickup

Readying the trucks for snow

Snow storm approaching – be sure to train the new employee for snow plowing

5. Police Department – Chief Roger Masse

Arrest and possible restitution for damage done at Little League concession stand.

Mike Dedrick needs a ‘break in service’ as he is retiring. He advises the village to accept his resignation and then rehire him. (RESOLUTION follows)

6. Water and Sewer - North Dome Operations, Inc.– Joe Myers and Seth Mann attended.

Informed the Village Board that the carbon filter replacement has been completed at the WFP.

The alarm system at the WFP was discussed. Both the WWTP and the WFP use Time Warner as their 2nd party alarm system. For some reason the WFP is very unreliable. The phone lines do not always work- it's very intermittent. They are going to look into a more local device such as a sensodyne system that hooks directly at the WFP phone line and rolls down a phone list until it reaches someone.

The possibility of having to purchase a keypad license in order to keep communication between the two software systems at the WFP was discussed at length. There may already be a license on file with one of the vendors but so far they have not been able to locate it.

Also discussed the Cummins NE contract for service on the generators at the WFP and the WWTP's. Two inspections and a full service is included with the cost of \$3116.00 annually for both plants.

Mr. Meyers also asked if the VB had any questions or concerns regarding their annual renewal contract he provided to them for their services running the WFP and WWTP's. The only difference between the last contract and this one is that there is a 2.5 % CPI increase added.

The VB stated that they would review it.

APPLICATION:

1. Facility Use Application – Community Center gym. Applicant: Athens Cultural Center. MOTION made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor to approve the application as submitted.

MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the Village Board meeting held on October 24th, 2018 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

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 #1979, vouchers numbered #9918270 through #9918296 in the amount of \$42,326.81

WATER FUND- Abstract #10437, vouchers numbered #9918297 through #9918302 in the amount of \$23,914.51

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10416, vouchers numbered #9918303 through #9918309 in the amount of \$21,991.44

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

3. Proposed Resolution Approving Resignation of Officer Dedrick

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the Resignation of part-time Police Officer Michael Dedrick from the Athens Police Department effective November 14th, 2018:

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

4. Proposed Resolution Approving Reinstatement of Officer Dedrick

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves reinstating Officer Michael Dedrick as a part-time Police Officer for the Village of Athens Police Department effective November 19, 2018:

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

5. Proposed Resolution Approving Contract with Cummins Northeast

WHEREAS, the Village's contract operator for the Water Filtration Plant and the WWTP's (Northdome) has provided the Village with the renewal service contract for the upcoming year for the generators at both plants; and

NORTHDOME recommends that the village continue to work with Cummins Northeast as they have been satisfied with the services that they perform and are very familiar with the equipment at both locations and have a history with the village's plants;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve the Mayor sign the contracts provided by Cummins Northeast for an annual fee of \$3116.00 for both plants:

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

6. Proposed Resolution Approving the Appointment of a Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

WHEREAS, the position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer has become available and the village board would like to appoint Dawn Palmateer to this position and;

WHEREAS, the position will be an hourly position at a rate of \$19.00 per hour for the first 3 months which will be considered a probation period, and after probationary period the Deputy Clerk position will be a salaried position with an annual salary of \$32,500.00,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board approve the appointment of Dawn Palmateer as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for the Village of Athens effective December 1, 2018;

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Marshall & Sterling. Re: Risk Management Action Plan – November 5th meeting.
2. Flint Mine Solar. Re: NOTICE OF FILING Preliminary Scoping Statement.
3. NYS Department of Public Service. Re: Winter outreach and education campaign.
4. NYS Volunteer Fire Fighters Cancer Benefit Program. Re: quote.
5. Officer Michael Dedrick. Re: Resignation.
6. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. Re: Flint Mine Solar LLC.

The Mayor noted that there was a meeting held on November 5th between Trustee Butler, a PERMA representative and the Mayor to discuss the Village's losses and how they can assist with trying to prevent some of these losses in the future with training at no charge. They also provide online training through the Online University.

The Summer Recreation program was discussed as well in that the position of Recreation Director should be advertised early in March for the purpose of getting training through PERMA for the Director and Counselors.

The Mayor noted that a resident requested a street light at his street at N. Franklin Street. If the VB does not have any objection to this request then he will forward request to Central Hudson.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00PM

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

*Submitted by:
Mary Jo Wynne
Clerk-Treasurer*