

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, August 26, 2015

Members Present: Mayor Chris Pfister, Trustees Gail Lasher, Marla Butler, Peter Alberti, Robert June, Attorney Tal Rapplyea and Acting Secretary, Peggy Snyder

Pledge to the Flag

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Pfister

Public Agenda

Adam Greco from the Athens Fire Department and Matt Corsa from the West Athens Lime-Street Fire Company were present to speak about the purchase of new radios with crosslink for both Company's. Greco stated these radios would improve communications with Greene County Emergency Control as well as other Fire Company's and each other at an emergency scene. They are digital and all Fire Company's in Greene County with the exception of Coxsackie now have them. West Athens Lime-Street would pay for half of the cost of the channel license and the Athens Fire Department would hold the license. A legal agreement would be drawn up between the two companies regarding this. The cost to each Company would be \$595.50 with a total cost of \$1191.00. Eventually the Athens Fire Department would like to purchase 3 chief radios and 5 officer radios through State bid pricing.

Adam Greco stated he would like to present the application of Christina Butta previously from Centerville Fire Company and asked she be pre-empted and approved this evening. Mr. Greco was told that the application could wait another week for consideration.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution to approve the Minutes
BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes for July 22, 2015 and August 12, 2015 are approved.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Butler
Record of vote: 5-0, Motion carried

2. Proposed Amendment Approving Payment of Vouchers
BE IT RESOLVED, the payment of the vouchers as presented is approved.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of Vote: 5-0, Motion carried

3. Proposed Resolution Approving the Use of Riverfront Park
BE IT RESOLVED, Community Day 2016 will be scheduled for June 11, 2016 from 8:00 AM until 9:30 PM and Riverfront Park will be reserved for said event.

Offered by: Trustee Butler
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of vote: 5-0, Motion carried

4. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Village of Athens to Advertise for Bids on the Cleaning of the Lagoon at the Water Treatment Plant.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the village Clerk to advertise for Bids on the Cleaning of the Sludge Lagoon

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of vote: 5-0, Motion carried

5. Proposed Resolution Accepting Bid for Used Meters

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees does hereby accept the bid of Gunners Meters & Parts, Inc. in the amount of \$4800.00 with shipping paid by the purchaser and the money either wired into the Village of Athens account or paid by Certified Check.

Offered by: Trustee June

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of Vote: 5-0, Motion carried

*Investigate further as to location of purchaser and payment procedure

Mayors Report

1. Amendments to the Code

- Done

2. Tina Chaden Mortgage and Revolving Loan Fund

- Two adjoining properties on Brick Row, selling one property and would like the loan placed on the property she will reside in.

❖ WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has a loan through the Revolving Loan Fund with Tina Chaden covering 25 and 26 Brick Row, Athens with an approximate balance of \$7700 and WHEREAS, Tina Chaden has requested the Village release of 26 Brick Row from the said Loan since it is under contract to be sold

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village Board agrees to issue a partial release of the loan and mortgage as it relates to 26 Brick Row on the condition that Tina Chaden provides the Village with an appraisal indicating that the Fair Market value of 25 Brick Row is at least \$100,000.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of Vote: 5-0, Motion carried

3. Sewer backup: Palmateer

- Problem on Rt 385/North Washington last week with sewer backup. A lot of damage was done in the residence basement. Home owner contacted their insurance company and they refused to pay stating it was the fault of the Village. The village insurance company was contacted and they refused to pay stating the village was not negligent. Do not want to set a precedent, nothing can be done.

4. Fire hydrants

- The three scheduled for installation this year have been done.

5. Lagoon

- Meeting held with Jason from Delaware, preparing bid to empty small pond and use that while emptying the large pond. He is looking for grant money to do further work.

Trustee Reports

1. Trustee June:

- *Have never received the Fire Company financials. Would like to invite the President of the Fire Company to the next meeting to discuss this.*

2. Trustee Alberti:

- *Received a note from Wayne Boyer that he would like a tree removed from in front of his property so he can install solar to reduce his energy costs. Will create a resolution for this to be voted on at the next meeting.*

3. Trustee Butler

- *Working on qualifications for Youth Coordinator and would like input regarding CPR certification and schooling. Will finish comprising all information and have for next meeting.*

4. Trustee Lasher:

- *Lance Palmateer that was approved to attend the Police Academy has rescinded his interest. Has a new person, Douglas Rell from South Cairo that has expressed interest in attending the Police Academy and has been recommended by Department. Complaints about parking on lower Second Street around the Stewart House and parking in front of fire hydrants. Also wait staff from Stewart House is walking across road to deliver food to patio area without watching for approaching traffic. Police Department is ready for the Town parade on Sept. 26th and the Triathlon on Sept. 12th.*

- Motion made by Trustee June and seconded by Trustee Butler for Douglas Rell to attend the Police Academy. Record of Vote: 5-0 Motion carries.

- Check on the streets to make sure marked properly before the police start issuing tickets.

Correspondence

1. Delaware Engineering: Brock Juusola request for assistance on growth study for Village of Athens:

Still need to figure out financial reply due to Sleepy Hollow

2. NYSPSC: Extension of Comment Period in A/C Transmission Upgrades

Not discussed

3. Columbia Greene Humane Society: Changes in rate structure

Will be charging \$35 a day for first three days, suggest increase in impoundment fee. Trustee Lasher to look into further.

4. Verizon: Introduction of new client executive and need to meet

Not discussed

5. NYSDEC: David Pickett: deadline for plan for monitoring wells

Response to them by the 28th. Ed F from Delaware has sent plan.

6. Lamont Engineering: Jason Preisner: Letter to EFC re: Funding assistance

Possibility of funding if income qualified

7. Mid-Hudson Cable: James Reynolds announcing expiration of cable franchise

Expires June 2016, will get some quotes from other companies to compare proposal against

8. NYMIR: Letter on sewer backup coverage

Already reviewed earlier

9. Dionysos: Invitation to Open House, August 30

Chris will email the Board with the time

10. Wells Quotation: Fire Dept. radio system
Previously discussed

Past Business

1. Catch basin RT. 385:
Village crew is working on it
2. Village sign:
Ask to show proof of ownership. Trustee Alberti stated GSI mapping shows Village owns property.
3. Removal of debt off debt limit:
Think about it for next meeting to be discussed further
4. All Hazard Mitigation Plan:
Mayor Pfister putting together package on damages from Irene & Sandy
5. UST Plan:
No discussed
6. Police Contract:
Need definition of "year" for pay schedule or other term. Has been signed
7. Used car lots:
Only allowed in commercial zone. Need to review with Planning Board. Attorney Rappleya provided Code Enforcement Process / Timetable for no Site Plan Review, no special use permit copies to each Board member
8. Washer/Dryer Bids:
Bid has been put out, only one response so far

New Business

1. Dennis Proper Resignation and Follow up:
Effective Friday, August 28, 2015, last day
 2. Cleaning up Little League Field
Mayor Pfister will get people working on this
 3. Road Work:
Oil & Stone Union St Constatine Court to Schoharie Tpk, 3rd St from Chatham to Leeds Athens Rd, Montgomery St to First St. Expenditure of \$22,654 for oil, no equipment rental or stone. Mayor Pfister and Anthony to talk to John Farrell to see what Town did.
 4. Water main break on Chatham:
Brown water through village, line from 3rd to 2nd St. needs to be replaced at some point. Possibly install a service line instead. Mayor Pfister to find out what houses are served by the line.
 5. Rehab of Water Filter:
New under drain system, Trustee June to look into this.
 6. FCC License for Fire Companies:
- ❖ *WHEREAS, the Athens Volunteer Fire Department has requested that since it is in the best interest and public safety of the residents of the Village and firefighters, it is appropriate to apply to the FCC for three (3) UHF frequencies, and*
WHEREAS, the West Athens Lime-Street Fire District is partnering with the Athens Volunteer Fire Department on this project and shall enter into an intermunicipal agreement to share the license and usage of such frequencies and
WHEREAS, the cost of such application is \$595.50 for each of the two participating agencies, NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Athens Volunteer Fire Department is hereby authorized to make and complete the said FCC application, and it is further RESOLVED that the Village of Athens shall pay the sum of \$1,191.00 as the total cost for both agencies, conditional

upon the reimbursement by the west Athens Lime-Street Fire District of its share of the fee in the amount of \$595.50.

Offered by: Trustee Butler
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: 5-0, Motion carried

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Alberti and seconded by Trustee Butler, Vote 5 -0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm by Mayor Pfister.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Snyder
Acting Secretary