

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, April 13, 2016

Members Present: Mayor Chris Pfister, Trustees Peter Alberti, Robert June, Gail Lasher, Marla Butler 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 Hearing 2016–2017 Budget

Mayor Pfister asked three times if anyone was present that wanted to speak about the 2016–2017 budget. Hearing no confirmations from the public Mayor Pfister asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

- Motion made by Trustee Lasher and seconded by Trustee Alberti to adjourn the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion carried. Public Hearing adjourned at 6:33 pm

Department Heads

Department of Public Works – Anthony Proper

- Town will be sweeping street west side on April 18th and east side on April 19th. Police have been asked to place flyers on cars on April 17th. Trustee Alberti will place information on website.
- Trees in Rainy Park need to be topped out, many are dead. Mayor Pfister to look at trees and decide which trees need to be cut down and which just topped out.
- Rick Surrano approached DPW about the bulk head area in the Park being dangerous during the APAC performances, wanted to know if there is a way to fence it off for the summer.
- Complaint from the girls in the courtroom, no hot water in the restroom. Looked for the valve and cannot find valve or pipe, it appears to have been cut before. Instructed to call plumber Peter Kennedy to look and see what needs to be done to repair.
- Amount of \$495 per day for the machine to put the floats in the water. They will be doing this on Tuesday, April 19th.
- May 2nd through May 9th will be flushing of hydrants. Trustee Alberti will check with Dan King to see if message to residents can go out over reverse 911. It will also be put into the paper.
- Anthony would like to take vacation the first week in May.
- Anthony is still reading the book for Water License D Class, has a lot more reading to do. Ken is willing to get water license but would like to know what compensation comes with doing it. Board stated they will talk about a small increase for this.
- Playground repairs need to be made, and will get done before summer season.
- Mayor Pfister asked that Anthony work with John Farrell on schedule for summer work.
- The vaults on Schoharie Turnpike have been repaired and checked and all dry.
- Trustee Alberti asked for the painting of the curbs to be done by the Brewery and Stewart House as they are causing a parking hazard.
- Anthony stated the Street Signs should be going up next week.
- Anthony will put up barricades by the Little League field for opening day.

Fire Department – Adam Greco

- May 15th from 8am – 11am there will be a mutual aid drill at the Brewery. Second Street will be closed from Warren to Riverfront Park as there will be hose laid in this area. Route 385 will be closed in this area but will be opened at 10 am for church and then closed again. Fire Police will be on duty and redirecting traffic around closed area. Adam plans to borrow a flow meter from Garrison to test the flow on the hydrant by Palmateer – this could be done during hydrant flushing but he would like to be there. Adam will reach out to Steve Shepherd at DOT to alert of Rt. 385 closer on the 5/15.
- Greene County is getting ready to do switch over with radios from low band to high band. 2-5 and aerial truck are ready for switch over, need two radios each for remaining four trucks. Pagers will become obsolete as well. Can probably get rebate on new pagers towards new units. Approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 for radios and \$8,000 for pagers. Adam will get quotes on both to have. Trustee Alberti stated that it is possible that the county will purchase these items in bulk to resell to Fire Companies.
- Elections, the chiefs stayed the same some lieutenants and foreman's changed. Mayor Pfister will swear in officers at banquet.
- Prepared for the 5K run at the EJ Arthur Elementary School on Saturday. West Athens will be helping with traffic control.
- Aerial inspection was done with no issues found.
- Mayor Pfister stated that the new furnace is in and asked if a manual was left there if not he needs to contact installer for manual.
- Mayor Pfister stated that a new dumpster has been placed and all bags must be tied before placing in dumpster.
- Mayor Pfister asked that the furnace room be swept clean.
- Mayor Pfister will have someone look at the roof in the front.
- Mayor Pfister stated an invoice was received for door repair in the amount of \$2271.00 from Maddison Overhead door. Adam stated that this was from several of the doors not opening properly.
- Adam introduced Patricia Whitworth who would like to join the Fire Company and plans to attend necessary schooling right away.

Code Enforcement – Mike Ragaini

- Not present, no report

VRI – Dale Post

Athens STP

- No permit exceedances noted.
- Need to repair process computer, GCS has provided a proposal \$2400
- Need additional work at the station, bilco door, air blower and time clocks
- Need to replace the motor on the west clarifier drive, will get quotes, Approx. \$400
- Need PRZ inspected (Reduced Pressure zone)
- Big Top requested to dump sledge – Approximate figures given to do this
 - Board agrees to decline the offer

Brick Row STP

- No permit exceedances noted.
- Installed new galvanized air pipes in the aeration tanks. DPW help VRI with this project

- Blower #2 motor has burnt out due to a power surge. We are looking into replacing.
- Need RPZ inspected.

Athens Water

- No process issues to report, flows averaged 170,000 gpd in March 2016.
- The spare altitude valve is out for repair.
- No water has been pumped to the upper lagoon yet we need to apply some sand ASAP.
 - DPW will get next week.
- Should schedule to have onsite storage tank inspected and cleaned, approximately \$7800
- SCADA system has been operating normally the past month, only one reboot needed.
- DPW has completed the office at the water plant, looks good.
- Mayor Pfister stated he has estimate for covers for tanks that are pool covers type, custom cover for \$11,000. Need other prices so can be done by fall.

Police – Tom McGuinness

- Vehicles – nothing to report other than routine maintenance.
- Patrol areas of concern, department is monitoring speeding vehicles in the areas of Market, Union and North Vernon Streets, as well as, Leeds-Athens Road and Schoharie Turnpike. No tickets issued, will continue patrols of areas.
- Continue to have officers in the Elementary School three to four days a week.
- Burglary on North Franklin solved, no charges pressed.
- Requested a letter be sent to Officer Rick Deyo for going above and beyond duty.
 - A letter will be drafted by Mayor Pfister
- Trustee Lasher asked what brings the patrol car out of the Village
 - Police leave the Village on request of State Police, Sheriff's Department and other Police Agencies. Sometimes they may have to stay out of area past their time to clock out, only done if requested to do so.
- Trustee Lasher asked that these incidents and special events be placed on monthly report.
- DOT should be asked to lower the speed limit near the church for safety reasons.
- Officer William Wyant and Officer Nathan Webster were introduced to the Board.

Legal – Tal Rappleyea

- Not present, no report

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Potential Transfer of the Municipal Building

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens does not have the financial resources to renovate and maintain the existing Municipal Building,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Village of Athens that the current Municipal Building continue to serve as the principal office space for the Town and Village of Athens,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens believes that the Municipal Building should be located near the business center of the Village,

WHEREAS, the Town/Village Comprehensive Plan emphasizes the need to have a joint Town and Village Building and to share space through renovation of the existing Municipal Building,

WHEREAS, there is ample space at the current location for additional expansion of the Municipal Building,

WHEREAS, the Town has stated that it will maintain the historic character of the exterior of the building,

WHEREAS, the Town plans to retain a consultant to evaluate the feasibility and expense of renovating the existing Municipal Building,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens agrees to transfer the ownership of the Municipal Building to the Town of Athens upon the completion of an accepted feasibility study.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of vote: 4-1, Motion carried, Trustee June Opposed

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Purchase of New Boiler

WHEREAS, the State of New York inspected the heating system at the Athens Firehouse and found it to be deficient,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens is required to replace the existing heating system with a system that meets code requirements,

WHEREAS, five vendors were contacted to provide estimates,

WHEREAS, the estimate from Huber Enterprises Inc. was the lowest offer,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to contract with Huber Enterprises Inc. for the new boiler and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the price for the new boiler shall not exceed \$5300.00.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of Vote: 5-0, Motion carried

3. Proposed Resolution Approving the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes as amended from March 23 meeting are hereby approved.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of vote: 5-0, Motion carried

4. Proposed Resolution Accepting Bid

WHEREAS, bids were received for the grinding of the Village of Athens brush recycling materials,

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was received from Robert P. Van Etten Excavating Inc.,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Mayor to contract with Robert P. Van Etten Excavating Inc. at a price not to exceed \$3500.00 plus fuel charges.

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

5. Proposed Resolution Establishing Dog Impoundment Fees

WHEREAS, the Columbia-Greene Humane Society/SPCA charges \$35.00 a day for the first 10 days for housing dogs that are delivered to their facility,

WHEREAS, the CGHS/SPCA charges a flat fee of \$300.00 for housing a dog after the tenth day,

WHEREAS, these fees are billed to the Village of Athens as they are incurred,

WHEREAS, the CGHS/SPCA, may request an impoundment fee reimbursement from the dog owner prior to release of the animal,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Athens sets its impoundment fees as follows: \$40.00 a day for the first ten days and \$325.00 for the subsequent period.

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

6. Proposed Resolution approving Mat and cleaning Supply Company

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Mayor to contract with Aramark Uniform Services for mat and cleaning supplies at a cost not to exceed \$54.60 per month.

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

7. Proposed Resolution approving Fire Department Member

BE IT RESOLVED; the Board of Trustees does, hereby accept the application of Patricia M. Whitworth to become a member of the Athens Volunteer Fire Department.

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

8. Proposed Resolution Designating Surplus Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby declare the Generac/Olympian 65KW Generator located at the water Treatment Plant to be surplus equipment.

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

9. Proposed Resolution Approving the Sale of Generator

WHEREAS, the 65KW Generac/Olympian Generator, located at the Water Treatment Plant has been declared to be surplus property,

WHEREAS, several previous attempts, without success, have been made to sell the generator,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the sale of the Generac/Olympian 65KW Generator to the Hyde Park Condominium for price of \$8500.00, with all costs of moving the generator to be borne by Hyde Park Condominium.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of vote: 5-0, Motion carried

10. Proposed Resolution to Allow Use of 5th Alley

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby permit Michael Myers, MD to use portions of 5th Alley on August 13, 2016 providing that there is no blockage of traffic on the alley.

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

11. Proposed Resolution to Enact Law Authorizing Games of Chance Within the Village

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Athens hereby determines that it is appropriate to establish a local law authorizing Games of Chance within the Village in accordance with the requirements of Article 9A of the General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board acknowledges that this resolution and the required underlying local law must be achieved pursuant to and subject to a permissive referendum,

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Athens shall and hereby does enact a local law, subject to a permissive referendum, to establish a local law authorizing games of chance within the Village as set forth in the attached; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall become effective without action of the Village Board on the 14th day of May in the year of 2016 unless a petition requesting that a Referendum thereon be submitted to voters in the manner required by law.

<u>Village Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Recused or Absent</u>
MAYOR PFISTER	X		
TRUSTEE JUNE	X		
TRUSTEE LASHER	X		
TRUSTEE ALBERTI	X		
TRUSTEE BUTLER	X		

Dated: April 13, 2016

12. Proposed Resolution Hiring New Employee

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the hiring of Jeffrey Tompkins to be a laborer for the Village of Athens Department of Public Works.

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

Trustee Reports

- Trustee Lasher:
 - School training for the Police might be paid for by the C-A School*
- Trustee Butler:
 - Nothing at this time*
- Trustee Alberti:
 - Safety meeting was held last Friday morning, asked Anthony to have men start wearing hard hats and safety vests at all times. They will meet in April, July, October and January on the 2nd Friday of the month at 8 am at the Municipal Building.*
 - He will look into the cost of key fobs for the Municipal Building.*
 - Code Enforcement Officer needs to start doing fire inspections.*
- Trustee June:
 - Nothing new at this time*

Past Business

- Budget
 - Reviewed by Board, some changes to be made, please email questions to the Mayor*
- Cable Contract
 - Mayor will send letter requesting a representative attend the meeting to review contract*

New Business

- Solar Energy
 - Trustee Lasher will contact Monolith Solar to have a representative come and speak with Board*
- Big Top Portable Toilets/Purchase of sewer plant capacity
 - Board voted unanimously to decline*

Correspondence

1. NYMIR: Notice of proxy
2. Carrie Feder: regarding resolution of fence issue
 - *Mayor is waiting for health issues to be resolved then will speak with Carrie*
3. Tobacco Action: Invitation to breakfast on April 20
 - *Mayor is unable to attend; invitation posted in anyone can attend*
4. Hager's Harbor
 - *Notice of application for liquor license*

Clerk's Report

- No report, not present

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm by Mayor Pfister.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Snyder
Acting Secretary