

**VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – January 9, 2019**

Pledge to the Flag.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Marla Butler

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Village Attorney – Tal Rappleyea

The Village Attorney informed the VB that the Public Hearing for the Historic Appeals Standards Local Law may be scheduled now. The proposed law has been sent to neighboring municipalities and the Greene County Planning Board with no issues. The SEQR can be completed after the public hearing and then the law can be sent up to the state. VB agreed to schedule the Public Hearing on January 23, 2019.

Noted that he has looked into making Second Street one way parking up to Church Street. That would be an amendment to our vehicle and traffic law requiring a public hearing and NYS DOT approval.

Building transfer (Community Center) from the Village to the Town was discussed. Since it is a conveyance of property from one Municipality to another the VB only needs to pass a Resolution noting that it is financially in the best interests of the residents of the village that this conveyance take place. No Public Hearing is required.

VB discussed that perhaps having an informational hearing regarding the building transfer would be a positive for residents.

The Mayor instructed the Attorney to schedule the Public Hearing for the vehicle and traffic law and the conveyance of the Municipal building on February 13, 2019.

2. DPW - Anthony Proper

Utility truck has a bad oil leak.

Rainey Field has 6 willow trees that have been an ongoing problem. Recommends having them taken down. The Mayor said to take them down.

Backhoe needs new tires. Van Kleek's gave a price of \$1800.00 (RESOLUTION attached).

3. Fire Department – Chief David Disbrow

Radios are ordered (4-6 weeks) for all vehicles.

Discussion of new pagers still needed ensued. Trustee Lasher asked how many more would be needed to purchase. The conversation led to membership changes.

Small leak on the ladder truck.

The Mayor noted that he received paperwork for all those individuals that rented the firehouse for private functions throughout the past year. He instructed the Chief that the procedure for renting the Firehouse is to provide the VB and Village office with the proper paperwork including an insurance certificate/rider along with the application to rent the facility. After receiving and reviewing the information provided the applicant may be approved by the VB and the Fire Department.

4. Police Department – Chief Roger Masse - no show
5. Code Enforcement Officer – Michael Ragaini - no show
6. Water & Sewer - Northdome Operations, inc. – Joe Myers and Seth Mann

Provided the VB with a monthly report of activity at the WFP and WWTP's.

SCADA control – still having network problems that causes the system to shut down. Intermittent issue that they are unable to pinpoint.

A new alarm system has been in place since January 3rd. It is a completely independent wire based alarm. There have been two legitimate alarms sent out since installation, therefore the new system is working.

It was noted by most of the VB that the SCADA problems have been ongoing since the WFP was upgraded many years ago.

Upgrades to the WFP are inevitable in the future and particularly the SCADA system. Upgrading the SCADA system should include a chemical feed system. Cost for that alone would be approximately \$180,000.00.

While preparing for the budget there will be a discussion regarding all of the major upgrades that should be made to the WFP. Major upgrades need to be discussed.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Facility Use Application – Riverfront Park

Applicant: Celeste Murray & Kevin Sickler (re-visited – changed the date)

MOTION made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving the application as per submitted.

2. Permit to peddle (re-visited) Application

Applicant: NRG Community Solar - 10AM to 6PM

MOTION made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Bradicich, all in favor approving the application to peddle with the stipulation that peddling be allowed from the hours of 10:00AM to 6:00 PM only.

3. Facility Use Application – Community Center gym

Applicant: Little League

MOTION made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Bradicich, all in favor approving the application as submitted.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on December 12th, 2018 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

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 #1983, vouchers numbered #9918376 through #9918420 in the amount of \$29,596.14

WATER FUND – Abstract #10440, vouchers numbered #9918421 through #9918430 in the amount of \$12,430.11

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10420, voucher numbered #9918431 through #9918437 in the amount of \$8,391.54

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Spinner

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Approving the purchase of tires

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves, upon the recommendation of DPW Supervisor Anthony Proper, the purchase of 4 new tires from Van Kleek's for a cost of \$1800.00

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. Re: Hecate Energy Greene 1 LLC – Declaratory Ruling Concerning Jurisdiction over proposed generating facility.
2. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment- Flint Mine Solar LLC. Re: Notice extending deadline for replay comments.
3. EAP Services of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Re: Contract renewal (RESOLUTION).
4. Town of Athens Assessor – Re: New construction/demolition of real property owned by the village.
5. Greene County Real Property Tax Service. Re: Senior Citizen & Disabled Tax Exemption Maximum Limits.
6. Athens Community Foundation. Re: Youth Recreation Program- \$5000.00.
7. Athens Community Foundation. Re: Annual Pumpkin Parade - \$1200.00.
8. Athens Community Foundation. Re: Fire district consolidation study – not approved.
9. ACE American Insurance Co. Re: Cancer Insurance Police – AVFD
10. Michael Brynda. Re: Thank you.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget preparation to start.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Climate Planning Tool Gaps – meeting Dec. 20, 2018
2. Propane - firehouse

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 PM

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Spinner

Record of vote: All in favor