

**VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES – February 27, 2019**

*Pledge to the Flag.*

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

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

**PUBLIC:**

1. *Silas Basham.* Re: Airbnb- sales tax revenue. NO SHOW
2. *Mary Ellen Gallagher, member of the tree committee,* attended the meeting to update the VB on activities that the ‘Friends of Athens’ and the ‘Tree Committee’ have been working on.

Ms. Gallagher noted that in the fall of last year the committees worked on completing a list of appropriate sites for tree plantings and appropriate trees for those sites. The list is completed and 38 trees and sites have been identified. The funds are in place to complete the project with 10 volunteers willing to deliver and plant the trees. A method for ensuring that the trees are monitored for watering has also been devised. Depending upon the weather, the project will begin in April.

Ms. Gallagher provided a copy of the list to the VB.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving the list of trees and sites in which to plant them as provided by ‘Tree Committee’ member Mary Ellen Gallagher to the VB.

The VB thanked Ms. Gallagher for the update and her work on the project.

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. Facility use Application- gym. Applicant: Kayla LaValley **MOTION** made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving the application as submitted.
2. Facility use Application – Riverfront Park. Applicant: Greene County Cruisers. **MOTION** made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Butler, all in favor, approving the application as submitted.
3. AVFD Membership Application. Applicants: Nathan Brady and Logen Hanson. **MOTION** made by Trustee Butler , seconded by Trustee Bradicich, all in favor approving application as submitted.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 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 approve payment of the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1986, vouchers numbered #9918527 through #9918549 in the amount of \$15,496.43

WATER FUND – Abstract #10443, vouchers numbered #9918550 through #9918552 in the amount of \$2530.80

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10424, vouchers numbered #9918553 through #9918555 in the amount of \$499.76

Offered by: Trustee Butler

Seconded by: Trustee Spinner

Record of vote: All in favor

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, making it village policy that vouchers be paid, with the stipulation that celebratory meals by departments should not be requested to be paid by village funding in the future.

3. Proposed Resolution Approving the Creation and/or Reconfirming the position of Village Superintendent of Department of Public Works

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Athens previously created and filled the position of Village Superintendent of Department of Public Works (DPW); and

**WHEREAS**, over the past several years such position has not been utilized or filled; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees deems it necessary and appropriate to either create and/or reconfirm the existence and fill the of the position of Village Superintendent of Department of Public Works and that such position is that of a Public Official with a term of office of one year, to be appointed annually by the Village Board of Trustees.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Athens hereby creates and/or reconfirms the existence of the position of Village Superintendent of Department of Public Works and that such position is that of a Public Official with a term of office of one year, to be appointed annually by the Village Board of Trustees; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees shall conduct a search to find the appropriate candidate for the position and appoint same at its discretion:

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich

Seconded by: Trustee Spinner

Record of vote: All in favor

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Murphy Drive - The Village Attorney informed the VB that after further review he has determined that the Village only owns half of Murphy Drive. The Attorney contacted the owner on record and he said that he is not interested in turning the road over to the village, however, if the village is interested in purchasing it he is willing to accept an offer.

The Mayor instructed the Clerk-Treasurer to make it part of the record, that based upon this new information, the DPW Supervisor was just notified by telephone to not treat the roads on Murphy Drive until he is further instructed.

Discussion ensued regarding Murphy Drive and ownership, legalities and legitimacy of the owner's claim. The Village Attorney will review whether the road has been maintained by the village for over ten years. If so, then the road would be defined as a user served highway and the village assumes the maintenance and ownership of the roadway.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. APAC summer schedule - No application for use of the park has been submitted yet.
2. Budget requests – Department heads are working on them.
3. Recreation Director- Advertisement in the newspaper for Recreation Director.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Butler, all in favor, to ADJOURN meeting at 7:45PM.

**ADJOURN**

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**MARYJO WYNNE**