

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES- June 12, 2018 6:30PM

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. *Tal Rappleyea* – Village Attorney - ABSENT
2. *Fire Chief David Disbrow* (Wayne Butterworth attended the meeting on his behalf)– Athens Fire Department

Mr. Butterworth notified the VB that the AVFD is seeking the VB's permission to attend Fire Department events outside of the village with the fire trucks.

The VB asked that they provide a list of the events and dates that they would like to attend.

Mr. Butterworth mentioned the Lake George Convention next weekend, the Columbia County Convention and Hudson Inspection day.

The AVFD has been asked to use their emergency boats for the Wacky Raft Race to be held on June 30th.

Mr. Butterworth informed the VB that they would like to purchase gear for 2-3 members. The gear is becoming outdated and in poor shape. They have already received 1 quote from Garrison and they will be seeking a couple more quotes to bring before the VB at the next meeting.

Trustee Lasher asked about the reimbursement to the village for the cost of propane usage in the kitchen and half the cost of the Cleaner to the village.

3. *Anthony Proper* – DPW

Mr. Proper informed the VB that Mr. Lee Allen Palmateer approached him regarding tree branches that hang over his house. Mr. Palmateer wanted to know if the Village can trim them?

If 'ok' with the VB – can he ask the county to trim these branches when they go through the village trimming- as there aren't many and they are small.

The VB – 'Ok'.

Mr. Proper informed the VB that the new kayak launch equipment has been installed. What does the VB want to do with the old equipment? A resident has expressed an interest in purchasing it.

The VB stated that it does have to go out to bid. The Mayor asked Mr. Proper to get a list together of any other items that need to be declared surplus goods and they can all be bid together. In the meantime, he asked the Clerk to contact the Village Attorney regarding this particular item.

The DPW Supervisor also mentioned the fact that he needs to rent a stump grinder. Cost being \$610 per week or \$210 daily.

The Mayor asked Mr. Proper to find out if the Town has a need to use a stump grinder right now as we can share the expense.

The letter received from Peter Coons (in Correspondence this evening) was discussed.

4. *Roger Masse* – Police Department

Chief Masse discussed the poor condition of the two tasers and the need to purchase/lease one.

He recommends the lease program. The cost to purchase is \$2500.00 and the cost to lease is \$500.00 per year. They will also give the village a trade-in of \$100.00 for the used one. It is a five-year lease program.

The need to replace one of the police vehicles has also been discussed with liaison Gail Lasher. They are looking into State Bid prices for an SUV.

Chief Masse also mentioned that he has been discussing with the village DPW traffic flow in the village on Friday nights for the concerts. He would like to keep traffic flowing from Second Street East over Route 385 (one way street) to Water Street and then North onto Water will be 'one way' at that point, as is South will be one way at that point as well.

Trustee Lasher noted that the letter received tonight from Peter Coons mentions the self-made 'speed bump' covering a water hose and electric line on Water Street.

Chief Masse stated that there cannot be speed bumps on public streets. He will take care of that.

The boat trailer that has been parked by the Village Office on Montgomery Street was also discussed. It has been illegally parked and now it is not.

5. *Mike Ragaini* – Code Enforcement. Absent.

6. *Seth Mann* – Northdome

Mr. Mann provided an operations report for the month of May 2018 for Water Filtration Plant and WWTP. He noted that there are no major issues. Flows are within the normal parameters. No rain events for the month of May as well.

APPLICATION:

1. Facility usage- Riverfront Park. Applicant: Hudson River Expeditions.
2. Facility usage – Isabelle Rainey Field. Applicant: Sean McCarthy.

3. Facility usage – Riverfront Park – Gazebo. Applicant: Ann Marie Costanza
4. Facility usage – gym. Applicant: Michael Holm.
5. Permit to peddle. Applicant: Nicole Andrews, Re-Fresh.
6. Facility usage – Riverfront Park. Applicant: Athens Community Food Pantry

MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS:

1) Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on May 23, 2018 be approved:

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

2) Proposed Resolution Approving payment of vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve payment of the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1966, vouchers numbered #9917883 through #9917924 in the amount of \$22,881.93

WATER FUND – Abstract #10424, vouchers numbered #9917925 through #9917932 in the amount of \$12,754.62

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10406, vouchers numbered #9917933 through #9917940 in the amount of \$19,963.93

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

3) Proposed Resolution Approving use of the Riverfront Park

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve the facility use application as submitted by the Hudson River Expeditions to use the Athens Riverfront Park on August 2-August 3, 2018:

Offered by:
Seconded by: Trustee Spinner
Record of vote: Trustee Bradicich

4) Proposed Resolution Approving use of Isabelle Rainey Field

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve the facility use application as submitted by Sean McCarthy for use of Isabelle Rainey Ball field:

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

5) Proposed Resolution Approving use of the Gazebo in Riverfront Park

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve the facility use application as submitted by Ann Marie Costanza for use of the gazebo at the Riverfront Park:

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

6) Proposed Resolution Approving use of the Community Center gym

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve the facility use application as submitted by Michael Holm for use of the gym:

Offered by:
Seconded by:
Record of vote:
Tabled until Trustee Butler is present

7) Proposed Resolution Approving the vendor permit application

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve, contingent upon APAC's Approval as well, the vendor permit application as submitted by Nicole Andrews, Re-fresh Popsicles:

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

8) Proposed Resolution Approving the use of Riverfront Park

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve the facility use application, contingent upon APAC's approval, as submitted by the Athens Food Panty for use of the Riverfront Park.

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

9) Proposed Resolution Approving surplus goods

WHEREAS, the kayak launch located at 4th Street had equipment which was in poor shape and needed to be replaced, and

WHEREAS, the purchase has been made for better apparatus for launching kayaks and the old equipment has been removed and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve declaring the kayak launch equipment that was removed by the Village DPW as surplus goods and be put out to bid as per instruction of the Village Attorney;

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

10) Proposed Resolution Approving dates for AVFD to take trucks from the Village

WHEREAS, the AVFD annually attends parades and conventions out of the Village of Athens and requests permission this year to attend with the Village Fire Trucks,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the list to be provided to it by the AVFD to take the Village fire trucks out of the village and attend conventions and parades as specified;

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

11) Proposed Resolution Approving purchase for the Athens Volunteer Fire Department

WHEREAS, the AVFD has stated that they are in need of replacing up to 3 turn out gear outfits due to the fact that their turn out gear is becoming old and in need of replacement and the AVFD will provide three quotes as stated,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve the purchase of 3 turn out gear outfits for a cost of up to \$2500.00;

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

12) Proposed Resolution Approving lease for taser gun

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has determined the Athens Police Department is in need of replacing their taser gun, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that leasing the taser gun for five years (\$500 per year) as opposed to purchasing one for \$2500.00 is more advantageous, and;

WHEREAS, AXIOM (the vendor) will provide the village with a \$100.00 trade in for their used gun, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board Approve, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, leasing a taser gun from AXIOM for a cost of \$500.00 per year for a five year period, as opposed to purchasing it;

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Greene County Solid Waste. Re: Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event
2. New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. Re: Application of Hecate Energy Greene. Notice of availability of pre-application intervenor funds and deadline for submitting funding requests.
3. New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. Re: Application of Hecate Energy Greene. Notice extending deadline for submission of comments.

4. Ralph C. Lewis, Jr. Attorney at Law. Re: Premises of Anthony Coons
5. Peter Coons. Re: Village issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Athens Garden Club
2. We did not receive AVFD reimbursement money for cleaner or propane this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recreation program. WPV.

The Clerk-Treasurer noted that the new employees hired for the recreation program need to have workplace violence training. She has not received a list of all of the employees as of yet. Recreation/youth liaison should set this up between the Recreation Director and the Chief of Police before the program begins.

The Clerk-Treasurer also mentioned that she has handed in her resignation as the ZBA Secretary. The ZBA is in need of formal training as soon as possible.

The Mayor stated that he will look into what the village code states about the training of this committee and consult with the Village Attorney.

Trustee Bradicich noted that he will be absent for the next VB meeting but would like to re-open the conversation about a new DPW garage since the former plan did not work out.

Responsibilities of the volunteers at the Dog park were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:00PM

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

Mary Jo Wynne