

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES- June 27, 2018 6:30PM

*Pledge to the Flag*

**PRESENT:** Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustee Gail Lasher and Trustee Shannon Spinner.  
Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Marla Butler and Trustee Stephan Bradicich

## **PUBLIC:**

1. *Sandra Strauss, resident of Brick Row*, attended the meeting to discuss her neighbor's dormer. She has always been of the understanding that the houses on Brick Row could not withstand a dormer. The house, and houses, would be compromised because they are all connected.

The Planning Board approved her neighbors application to construct a dormer on the house. As the construction took place she heard bricks falling behind her walls and this is very concerning to her.

Ms. Strauss stated that she will be attending the VB meeting next month to discuss this further. However, the Planning Board should never have approved this and they should realize the historic nature of these buildings. They should also take into account that they are all connected.

Ms. Strauss also stated that the plans for the dormer that were approved by the PB do not follow what is actually being constructed.

Mayor Alberti stated that that is the job of the Code Enforcement Officer and not the PB to ensure that these jobs are done correctly.

Ms. Strauss noted that she did speak to the CEO and got no results. She also noted that she has been contacting a structural engineer.

Mayor Alberti asked that she complete a complaint form.

Ms. Strauss replied that she would do that.

Ms. Strauss also questioned tearing up sidewalks, as her neighbor is doing that as well.

2. *Mary Ellen Gallagher, member of the tree committee*, attended as an observer, but also informed the VB that the tree survey should be available next week.

Mayor Alberti asked that a copy of the survey be available to the Village Board.

Ms. Gallagher stated that she would be sure to get one to them.

The VB thanked her for coming.

**APPLICATION:**

1. Permit to Peddle Application. Applicant: Pixie Floss, LLC.
2. Permit to Peddle Application. Applicant: Iron Horse Cigar Depot.
3. Facility Use Application. Applicant: Lighthouse Church.
4. Facility Use Application. Applicant: Michael Holme.

**MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Proposed Resolution approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Lasher  
Seconded by: Trustee Spinner  
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 – Abstract #1967, vouchers numbered #9917948 through #9917970 in the amount of \$67,461.40  
WATER - Abstract #10425, vouchers numbered #9917971 through #9917976 in the amount of \$2,753.25  
SEWER – Abstract #10407, vouchers numbered #9917977 through #9917980 in the amount of \$6,508.94

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

3. Proposed Resolution approving permit to peddle application

BE IT RESOLVED, the VB approve the permit to peddle application as submitted by Pixie Floss, LLC.

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

4. Proposed Resolution approving permit to peddle application

BE IT RESOLVED, the VB approve the permit to peddle application as submitted by Iron Horse Cigar Depot:

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

5. Proposed Resolution approving facility use application

BE IT RESOLVED, the VB approve the facility use application as submitted by Lighthouse Church:

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

6. Proposed Resolution approving facility use application for use of the gym

BE IT RESOLVED, the VB approve the facility use application for use of the gym (expiring September 30, 2018) as submitted by Michael Holme:

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

7. Proposed Resolution approving purchase of raw pump at the Brick Row WWTP

WHEREAS, North Dome Operations, inc. has notified the Village Board that the raw pump at the Brick Row WWTP is not in good condition and needs work or replacement; and

WHEREAS, a price for re-building the pump and also a price to replace the pump with a new one have been received by A-Team Pump and Control Svcs., LLC and reviewed by the VB; and

WHEREAS, since the cost to rebuild the pump is \$3,552.59 and the cost to replace the old pump with a brand new one is \$4,869.07,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the VB (considering the cost difference between the new and rebuilt is not very much) approves the purchase of a new hydromatic 30MP self priming sewage pump from A-Team Pump & Control Service, LLC for a cost of 4869.07 for the Brick Row WWTP:

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. Re: Case 17-F-0619 Hecate Energy – Notice of pre-application procedural conference to consider pre-application intervenor funding requests and to initiate the stipulation process.
2. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. Re: Case 17-F-0619 Hecate Energy – Ruling regarding preliminary scooping statement.
3. NYS Fire Prevention and Control. Re: Information Bulletin – Proposed Regulations: Volunteer Firefighter enhance cancer disability benefits program.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. RECREATION PROGRAM. Clerk-Treasurer informed the VB that she has not heard from the Recreation Director regarding the new Recreation Counselors roster. Therefore

getting paperwork for new employees completed and also completing the WPV training is going to be 'tricky' since the program starts 7/2/18.

2. **LIBRARY.** Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea informed the VB that the Library conveyance is moving forward - the local law was passed, the title search was ordered today and after that is complete a closing can be scheduled and the money can be transferred over.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Seth Mann dropped off quotes for either re-building or replacing the raw pump at WWTP at Brick Row.
2. Fishing permits. Village Clerk-Treasurer discussed issuance of fishing permits – can we have a RESOLUTION passed.

Vendor permit applications were discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 PM**

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

Minutes submitted by:  
Mary Jo Wynne- Clerk-Treasurer