

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, September 24, 2014

Members Present: Mayor Chris Pfister, Trustees Gail Lasher, Peter Alberti @ 6:47 pm and Anthony Patsky @ 7:22 pm, Attorney Tal Rapplyea and Acting Secretary, Peggy Snyder

Attorney Rapplyea Report

1. Trailer on corner of Union and Vernon Streets is alright as long as it is on exact same footprint and must not be abandoned more than a year
2. B&B's are more than a residential use; they should be considered commercial use.
3. Culvert – followed up with the attorney of client but nothing more has happened. The checks for this should be distributed. Mayor Pfister will follow-up with Mary Jo to get the checks sent out.
4. Public nuisance action being filed
5. Working on Code, will meet with Mayor Pfister on October 3rd.

Informational Meeting: Discussion of Snow Emergency Law and Second Street Traffic Flow

Suggestions from Public

- Definite traffic flow problem at the intersection of Washington and Second Streets, should make Second Street one way going East from Washington Street to Water Street
- Enforcement of parking on corners of Washington and Second Street
- Crosswalk's and signs should be added to corners of Washington and Second Streets and Police enforced
- Move cars on Second Street when only a snow Emergency not entire winter season
- More clarification on Snow Emergency, people do not understand the rules
- Safety issue of speed along Washington near Second Street
- Enforcement is key issue
- DOT Standards need to be reviewed for sign size and wording

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

Meeting called to order at 6:47 pm by Mayor Pfister

Pledge to the Flag

Public Agenda

- **Margaret Mary Whiteman:** *Mrs. Whiteman asked if it is possible to get Deer Crossing signs put up on upper Vernon Street as the deer population is abundant. She is also hoping that by putting up the Deer Crossing signs it will slow the traffic down and reduce speeding on the road.*
- **Tom Cali:** *Mr. Cali expressed his interest in being placed on the Village Planning Board and would like to speak with the Mayor regarding this. A meeting was set on September 29th at 1pm.*

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed resolution to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2014 Meeting are approved.
Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of vote: 3-0, Motion carried

2. Proposed Resolution to Authorize Payment of the Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, the following vouchers are authorized for payment. The firehouse cleaning voucher needs to be checked. All other vouchers approved.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of vote: 4-0, Motion carried

3. Proposed Resolution approving Sewer and water Tap Application

WHEREAS, Thomas Tompkins has received subdivision approval for property located on North Vernon Street,

WHEREAS, Mr. Tompkins intends to construct a residence on his site,
WHEREAS, the Village has received an application from Thomas Tompkins for connections to the water and sewer systems of the Village,

WHEREAS, the Village will at Mr. Tompkins' expense establish the water and sewer service lines between the mains and Mr. Tompkin's property line,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the sewer and water tap applications of Mr. Thomas Tompkins, pending receipt of \$150.00 as fee for said connections.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of Vote: 3-0, Motion carried

4. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an agreement with Lamont Engineering for Sidewalk Design

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the sidewalk on Brick Row is in need of replacement,

WHEREAS, the existing sidewalk is not compatible with the character of an area listed on the National Register,

WHEREAS, there are significant drainage and design issues which require professional input,

WHEREAS, CHIPS funding has been designated to partially fund the overall project,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees has decided that Option B, dated September 16, 2014, at a projected estimate of \$9300.00 is the best approach, and it is further,

RESOLVED, the Mayor is, hereby, authorized to sign said agreement with Lamont Engineering.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of vote: 4-0, Motion carried

5. Proposed Resolution approving Excavation of a Village Street

WHEREAS, the residents of 38 South Franklin Street, Tax Parcel #140.06-1-16, have expressed an interest in burying the utility lines near their historic home,

WHEREAS, the planned work would result at no additional cost to the Village,

WHEREAS, the Code of the Village of Athens, Section 72-21, requires that all excavations on Village property require prior approval from the Board of Trustees and that sufficient security may be required to assure restoration,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens feels that this action would enhance the general area and its historic character,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the proposed excavation of South Washington and South Franklin Streets as presented in a letter from Mr. Peter Spears dated September 22, 2014, and it is further,

RESOLVED, that final approval is withheld pending the posting of a security deposit in the amount of \$1500.00, a sum which will be returned upon the proper restoration of the disturbed property, and it is further,

RESOLVED that the applicants and or their agents will conduct proper traffic management procedures and take any effort necessary to protect the assets of the Village of Athens and its residents.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: 4-0, Motion carried

6. Motion to Set Date for Village Election as Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of Vote: 4-0, Motion carried

7. Tabled: Motion Accepting the Resignation of Joseph Proper from the Department of Public Works

8. Motion Approving the Application of Petrina Ragaini for the Use of Riverfront Park on September 26, 2014 for a Political Event

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of Vote: 4-0, Motion carried

Communications

1. NYSDEC: David Pickett: Request for Data on Oil Spill
Explanation and discussion regarding the spill at the Sewer Treatment Facility
2. Hudson Cruises: Steve Walsh: Ferry Schedule Ideas
3. NYMIR: Request to Schedule Annual Review
4. NYSDEC: Mary Barrie: Annual SPDES Inspection Reports

5. Lewis Engineering: Thomas Manz, P.E.: sprinkler Installation at 3 Olivett Lane.
6. Peter Spears: Request to Excavate Village Streets
Discussion and Resolution regarding this request passed during meeting
7. DOL: PERB: Siren Hrachian: Need to Set Date for Mediation on Teamsters Contract
Meeting date set for October 15, 2014
8. NYCOM: Election Calendar
9. Greene County Promotions: Request for material for Greene county Travel Guide

Trustee Reports

1. Bob June: Job Description, backboards for gym
 - *Not present, Trustee Lasher will look into this and get prices*
2. Peter Alberti: Web site enhancement
 - *Trustee Alberti has reviewed the website, not what he is used to working with, will have to speak with Mary Jo, will get in touch with other web designers*
 - *Trustee Alberti asked why Athens does not put out Boil Water Notices after a water main break and dirty water is being experienced by residents*
3. Anthony: Building consultant/Carpet Cleaning
 - *Nothing yet, Mayor Pfister asked that prices be gotten to clean the carpet in the entire building*
4. Gail: Community Foundation Applications
 - *\$8700 remaining in account, need to check with Mary Jo on the youth budget*
 - *Will contact Dawn to see about programs or other things needed*
 - *Checking on other items for grants*

Mayor's Report

1. Reported on the flood at the Sewer Facility
2. Reviewed material from Lamont Engineering for sidewalk construction on Brick Row

Unfinished Business

1. Town of Athens: Letter of concern regarding conditions of Municipal Building
Not discussed
2. DPW Contract
Not discussed
3. Firehouse HVAC
Mayor Pfister stated the document is finished and it is out to bid. The bids will be opened on October 8th
4. Clarkson University Project
Returned the signed contract
5. Park
6. Street Festival
Previous leaders have resigned. Should consider ways to restructure. Possibly combine community Day and the Street Festival. Should come to next meeting with ideas.

New Business

1. Sewer Plant Flood Event
Discussed previously
2. DPW Position
No discussion yet

3. Dennis' Temporary Absence
Will be out approximately six weeks, no replacement will be used
4. Lighthouse Float Donation
Not discussed
5. Gas tank records
Not discussed
6. Thomas Bassett Property
Not discussed

Clerk's Report

- No report, not present

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss employment history of particular employee leading to the possible resignation of a particular individual

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of vote: 4-0, Motion carried

Entered into Executive Session at 9:05 pm

Exited Executive Session at 9:23 pm upon a motion

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of vote: 4-0, Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Lasher and seconded by Trustee Patsky, vote 4 -0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm by Mayor Pfister.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Snyder
Acting Secretary