

**VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES - OCTOBER 24, 2018**

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. *Andrew Personette, representing Claverack Builders,* attended the meeting on behalf of his client Rebecca Hart who is renovating a house at 19 N. Warren Street. They are putting an addition onto it and there is a constant issue with ground water in the basement.

Mayor Alberti asked what the DPW recommended. Mr. Personette stated that one of their carpenter's spoke to a member of the DPW and they thought that perhaps a catch basin could be put in the street that they could tie their footing drains to.

The VB noted that there is a lot of groundwater in the village, some due to underground cisterns. Timing of the project was discussed as well.

The VB agreed to allow the DPW to add a catch basin on N. Warren Street if time allowed this year.

2. *John & Mary Ann Scalera, residents of Athens,* attended the meeting as representatives of Greene County Office for the aging and the Greene County Youth Board.

They wanted to inform the VB that grant funding is available for the Recreation Program. They noted that their grandchildren attended the program and were not provided refreshments. Perhaps the Village should apply for the funds to provide the children with refreshments.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Recreation program had provided refreshments in the past.

The Mayor stated that whether they had or had not provided refreshments in the past was not the issue. Going forward the money is available and they should just ask for what they need. There was also a new Rec. Director this year that may have added to the oversight.

The Clerk-Treasurer reiterated that the Village's recreation program is fortunate in that not only do we get support from the Village and Town of Athens, but we get support from the Athens Community Benefit Foundation.

Ms. Scalera provided the application to the Mayor and noted that Terry Ward is the Director of the Greene County Youth Bureau and she would help the village to complete the application if they needed it.

Mr. & Mrs. Scalera also noted that the Little League field is a mess.

APPLICATIONS:

Facility Use Application- gym. Applicant: Greene County Outlaws.

MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes from Board meeting held on October 10, 2018 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution to Approve Vouchers

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

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1977- vouchers numbered #9918229 through #9918249 in the amount of \$6,700.72.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10436 – vouchers numbered #9918250 through #9918259 in the amount of \$4121.78.

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10415 – vouchers numbered #9918260 through #9918264 in the amount of \$1,009.07.

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Bradicich

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Approving record retention policy regarding recording of Minutes

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk of the Village of Athens utilizes a digital recording of minutes to assist with the preparation of meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees deems it appropriate to adopt a policy regarding the period of time such recording shall be retained in accordance with and parallel to the policy for such developed by the State of New York.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Athens hereby adopts a policy that recordings of meetings made by the

Village are to be retained for a period of four (4) months, consistent with that of the State of New York:

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

4. Proposed Resolution Approving the proclamation for Eagle Scout

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board approve the Mayor signing a Proclamation for Eagle Scout Honoree Garrett McKenna and presenting such at the ceremony as stated:

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

5. Proposed Resolution Approving increase in the Clerk-Treasurer Salary

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board approve an increase in the Clerk-Treasurer's salary of \$4,000.00 annually.

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

6. Proposed Resolution Approving application for use of the gym.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board approve use of the gym by the Greene County Outlaws as specified in their application for use.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NYSDOT. Re: SFY 2018-2019 CHIPS, PAVE, EWR statement.
2. Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Re: Garrett McKenna - invitation.
3. Lighthouse Church. Re: Annual Hay ride.
4. NYSDOT- Weekend road closure.
5. Wadsworth Center. Re: Labs for Water Supply

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Financial Reports for the month of September were distributed to all VB members.
2. Applications to the Athens Community Benefit Foundation for the Recreation program, Pumpkin Parade and Study for a Fire District have been submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Estimate received for Stump Removal. \$1280.00. Already approved if under \$1890.00. Move forward.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Spinner, all in favor, to enter into Executive Session at 7:35PM to discuss Personnel issues regarding the hiring or firing of a particular employee

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Butler, all in favor, to exit Executive Session at 7:45PM

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00PM MOTION made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Butler, all in favor.

Mary Jo Wynne