

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes - October 26, 2016

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Gail Lasher, Trustee Robert June, Trustee Peter Alberti and Trustee Marla Butler.

Mayor Christian Pfister is absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Meeting:

1. *Alicia Lombardini, resident of the Village*, attended the meeting this evening to discuss a few issues.

Her first issue is the water quality at her home. Since Spring the quality of her water has changed for the worse. Prior to this the water was 'drink-able' now it is has a strong metal and mold smell and taste that make it 'un-drinkable'.

Deputy Mayor Gail Lasher asked if anyone from the village or VRI has been to her residence.

Ms. Lombardinoi stated that the Mayor and also VRI (Seth and Dale) came to the house to test the water for chlorine. It tested okay. However, the water line is quite a distance from the road and the chlorine residual is low when the water is first turned on and gets better as it runs for a while. However, the smell does not go away.

Ms. Lombardini would like to know what type of pipes are running to her house. Are they lead? Aren't there any records to determine what they are made of?

Trustee Butler mentioned having the water at her residence tested for lead.

Deputy Lasher stated that she will email VRI (Dale) and the Mayor and ask them about testing for lead, inquire as to what the pipes are made of and let them know that it is still an ongoing problem.

The second issue Ms. Lombardini wanted to discuss was the condition of her neighbor's property on the east side of Route 385. They seem to have their whole house out on their front lawn. What can be done about this?

Trustee Alberti suggested that she fill out a complaint form and it will be forwarded to the Code Enforcement Officer.

The final issue Ms. Lombardini wanted to discuss is that of the status of Peckham Industries located on route 385. When she purchased the house she was led to believe that Peckham was moving to their new location by the train tracks on Schoharie Tpk. And would no longer be where they are. The odor is offensive and potentially harmful. Is anyone concerned about this? Is the village doing anything about it?

Discussion ensued regarding actual ownership of the property. Are they the actual owners. The Village believes that Peckham only rents the property.

Village Trustees discussed the Peckham plant. It was mentioned that they do still have some barge traffic for their business. It was never absolute that they would move entirely out of that location.

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea also noted that the village can only enforce their code/zoning laws. The DEC and EPA have regulatory powers and they should be contacted if problems of the nature mentioned are of concern to neighbors. Also, Peckham has pre-existing use in regard to the new code.

2. Dean Fielder. No show.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Board Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees, hereby, approves the minutes, as amended, from the October 12, 2016 meeting.

Offered by: Trustee Butler
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of Vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution to Pay the Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes payment of the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1901, vouchers numbered #9916297 through #9916327 and voucher #9916347 in the amount of \$49,236.65.

WATER FUND – Abstract # 10378, vouchers numbered #9916328 through #9916337 in the amount of \$6,977.71.

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10360, vouchers numbered #9916338 through #9916346 in the amount of \$5,587.50.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution for Approval of Sludge Removal Estimate

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens is currently under an Order on Consent for various deficiencies concerning the disposal of backwash materials at the Water Treatment,

WHEREAS, the Village has removed the sludge from the upper drying bed and allowed it to dewater,

WHEREAS, the Village has solicited bids for the disposal of said sludge,

WHEREAS, the Village has received permission to dispose the sludge at the Albany County Landfill,

WHEREAS, the weight of the sludge is estimated to be 350 tons,

WHEREAS, the Village has agreed to transfer the sludge to the dumpsters,

WHEREAS, a bid for the transport of the sludge was received from Residual Management Services, LLC dba EarthCare in the amount of \$82.00 per ton,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the mayor to contract with EarthCare for the transport of the sludge to the Albany County Landfill at a cost of \$82.00 per ton.

Offered by: Trustee Butler
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: All in favor

4. Proposed Resolution Approving Facility Use Request

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the application of Gary Cunningham to use the Municipal Gym on Saturdays from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM with a 90 day agreement.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: All in favor

5. Proposed Resolution Announcing Elective Offices to be Filled

WHEREAS, the next Village election will be held on March 21, 2017,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Village Clerk to notify the county board of elections of the offices to be filled at the March 21, 2017 election,

BE IT RESOLVED, the following offices are to be filled at the March 21, 2017 election:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mayor	2 Years
Trustee	2 Years
Trustee	2 Years

Offered by: Trustee Butler
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of Vote: All in favor

Trustee Reports

Past Business

1. Halloween
2. Pumpkin Parade
3. Repair of WTTP roof

New Business

Communications

1. GAF/ Acktor: Receipt of warranty on Water Plant Roof
2. Lamont Engineering: Drying bed plans and request for change of deadline for completion of drying bed
3. Federal Emergency Management Agency: Status of application by Merrill Roth for change in flood plain map.
4. NYDEC: SPDES inspection report
5. John Biscone: Re: Submittal of short form EAF for storage shed project.

A MOTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Alberti, all in favor, to enter into Executive Session at 7:40 PM to discuss personnel issues.

A MOTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Alberti, all in favor, to exit executive session and resume regular work meeting at 7:50PM.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Alberti, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:50 PM.

Adjournment

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: All in favor

Mary Jo Wynne
Clerk-Treasurer