

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 28, 2015 TIME: 6:30PM

*Pledge of Allegiance*

PUBLIC MEETING

1. *Derek Apa, village resident*, attended the meeting for two reasons. The first being that he has submitted an application for use of the gym and wanted to be available to answer any questions the Village Board may have regarding that application.

Mr. Apa was referred to Trustee Butler who was given the responsibility of scheduling activities in the gym. It was noted that there have been numerous applications coming in and she will coordinate them and come up with a set schedule.

Mr. Apa also came to the Village Board meeting to voice his concern regarding the air quality of the Village over the past several months, especially in regard to Peckham Materials. He understands that Peckham is important to the village in the way of tax revenue, however there has been a different odor coming from the plant that is not the usual blacktop smell. The smell reminds him of a mixture of perhaps sulfur and ammonia. He is very concerned about the health risks. He was hoping that the Village Board may be able to look into this further.

The Mayor stated that he would give Joe Wildermuth, who is in charge of this plant and has always been cooperative in matters related to the village, a phone call.

2. *Heidi and Dominick Multari, village residents*, attended the meeting to discuss their water bill. They are upset with the consumption amount. They feel that it is inaccurate because it is very high. They provided past water bills which show consumption at 15000 gallons.

The Clerk noted that if the previous bills were always showing 15000 gallons usage then it probably was a broken meter.

The Mayor stated that the first thing that they will do is have the DPW check to see that their meter is working correctly. These are all new meters so first they will check to see if it has been installed correctly.

Ms. Multari asked a number of questions regarding how they actually work. She also informed the Village Board that she is unhappy with the postcard format. All of the information is out for the public to look at. It is not very private.

Ms. Multari also mentioned that the quality of the water that the Village provides is not good. She stated that she has not drank the municipal water in over 20 years. The price that the village charges is too high for bad water.

3. *Jason Preisner, Lamont Engineering*, attended the meeting to discuss the Bid Opening that took place on October 20, 2015. Only one bid was submitted and it was very high. It will not be awarded. The Village Board agreed to re-bid the project for work starting in the Spring. NYSDEC understands that the village is trying to rectify the situation and they are receptive to working with the village.
4. *Kara Alger Taber Humphrey* attended the meeting to answer any questions that the Village Board may have regarding her application for use of the gym.

Again, the Mayor referred her to Trustee Butler whom is in charge of setting the schedule for the gym.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Board Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the minutes from the October 14, 2015 meeting.

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of vote:

2. Proposed Resolution approving payment of the vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the payment of the vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1857, vouchers numbered #9915220 through #9915238 and vouchers numbered #9915259 and #9915260 in the amount of \$34,491.41.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10350, vouchers numbered #9915239 through #9915250 in the amount of \$13,542.91

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10329, vouchers numbered #9915251 through #9915257 in the amount of \$10,028.60

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Approving Fire Department Membership Application.  
BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the application of Xena Drobner to be a member of the Athens Volunteer Fire Department

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

4. Proposed Resolution Approving Use of the Gym

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the use of the gym by the Athens Cultural Center on December 5<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> of 2015, from 10:30AM – 12:00PM

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

5. Proposed Resolution Rejecting All Bids for the Lagoon Sludge Disposal Project, Contract #1

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Athens has advertised for bids for the cleaning of the sludge settling lagoon at the Water Treatment Pland; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2015, one bid was received, opened, read out loud and tabulated; and

WHEREAS, the apparent low bidder was Legacy Supply, LLC of Mount Pleasant, New York having a total Base Bid Price of \$318,648.00 and an additive alternat price of \$0.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ATHENS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Athens rejects all bids received for the settling lagoon cleaning project.
2. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Athens directs their consultant to revise the bid documents and re-advertise the project as soon as possible.

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

6. Proposed Resolution regarding Sonia Mckenzie's water service repair bill

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby agree to allow Ms. Mckenzie to make installment payments on the water service bill she owes in the amount of \$200.00 per month until paid in full.

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

## MAYOR'S REPORT

1. NYMIR visit

## TRUSTEES REPORTS

### PAST BUSINESS:

1. Sleepy Hollow Consolidation
2. CBT compliance
3. Lagoon cleanout
4. Crossing Guard

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. New water and sewer laws
2. Winter parking regulations
3. McKenzie Water Repair Bill

### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Paula Hayes and Teo Camporeal: Concern about tree and sidewalk condition at 5 N. Church St.
2. Joseph Mareth: Sidewalk condition at 7 Brick Row.

## CLERK'S REPORT

### ADJOURNMENT: 8:30PM

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