

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2019 6:30pm

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustee Lasher, Trustee Spinner, Trustee Bradicich, Trustee Butler and Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea

**PUBLIC HEARING-** To consider adopting a local law to override the NYS tax Cap.

Mayor Alberti opened the meeting by asking the Deputy Clerk to read the public notice that was published in the newspaper informing residents of tonight's hearing.

Mayor Alberti went on to state that something we need to do every year is a tentative budget and it needs to be finalized by May 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that a public hearing must be done by 04/15/2019 on the tentative budget and that 5 days notice must be given before the date of that hearing.

The Mayor asked if the public had any comments or questions regarding the Tax Cap.

A resident asked what does it mean to override the tax cap?

Attorney Rappleyea explained what the tax cap was and how the increases were over the past few years.

Mayor Alberti explained an increase in the levy.

Mayor Alberti told the residents present that there were copies of the tentative budget on the counter if they would like to have one.

**MOTION** made to **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING** made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Bradicich, all in favor.

**OPEN REGULAR MEETING**

**PUBLIC:**

Lon Ballinger cancelled from the Stewart House and rescheduled.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the Village Board Meeting held on March 13, 2019 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers as presented

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

**General Fund**—Abstract #1989, vouchers numbered #9918624 through # 9918643 in the amount of \$ 26,922.36

**Water Fund**—Abstract #10446, vouchers numbered #99186444 through #9918648 in the amount of \$9,677.52

**Sewer Fund**—Abstract #10427, vouchers #9047 through #9049 in the amount of \$8,442.92

Offered by: Trustee Spinner  
Seconded by: Trustee Butler  
Record of vote: all in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Approving the appointment of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

WHEREAS, the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer has been on a probationary period of employment full time for the past 90 days:

And WHEREAS, she has been an exemplary employee and would be an asset to the village office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the appointment of Dawn Palmateer for the position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for the Village of Athens:

Offered by: Trustee Lasher  
Seconded by: Trustee Bradicich  
Record of vote: all in favor

4. Proposed Resolution Approving Appropriation Transfers

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve the following appropriation transfer:

Move \$5000.00 from A1440.1 Engineer and \$3000.00 from A5010.1 (DPW SUPERINTENDENT) to Appropriation A1420.1 Attorney

Offered by: Trustee Lasher  
Offered by: Trustee Spinner  
Record of vote: all in favor

5. Proposed Resolution to pass Local Law #3 for tax override

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board pass Local Law #5 enabling the Village Board to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-c:

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Greene County Real Property Tax. Re: Training for new tax collection billing for all municipalities.

Clerk's office will need to be closed a half day on April 2, 2019 to attend the training. MOTION needed to approve.

2. NYMIR Re: Claim for damage to vehicle. No prior written notice-denied.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Budget preparation. Set Public Hearing
2. Village has not received half of the cost for the firehouse cleaning bill for the year.
3. Help Wanted-DPW Supervisor and Recreation Director.
4. 220-13 Parking prohibited at all times at any of the following locations:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Second Street	South	From Washington Street to Warren Street EXTEND TO CHURCH

<b>ADD</b> Second Street	North	From Church Street to Vernon Street
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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. RFP for lawn mowing is out.
2. Lease payment from the town for Community Center. We have not received yet.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Bradicich and seconded by Trustee Lasher and all were in favor for the Clerk's office to close half a day on 04/02/2019 to attend training by the Greene County Real Property Tax.

Mayor Alberti said the Village received a reply from NYMIR in reference to the claim of the damaged vehicle and it was had he thought, it would not be covered.

Mayor Alberti said that a date needed to be set to go over the tentative budget by April 15<sup>th</sup> and a date must be set by May 1<sup>st</sup> to adopt the final budget. There was a brief discussion on dates. Trustee Bradicich would like to set April 10<sup>th</sup> as the date for the tentative budget meeting and set April 23<sup>rd</sup> as the final date for the budget. This will need to be put into the paper.

Mayor Alberti said he would check into why the Village has not received the other half of the Firehouse cleaning bill, but Chief Disbrow was in attendance and said he will look into his as well.

Trustee Lasher asked if there were any applications for the DPW supervisor position. Deputy Clerk Palmateer said to date there was one. As for the Recreation Director 1 application was taken but it had not been returned. Trustee Spinner asked for an application for the Recreation Director as she may know someone that is interested.

Mayor Alberti asked about the lawn care bids and Deputy Clerk Palmateer stated that nothing had been returned to the office as of this date.

Mayor Alberti asked if he could get a motion for the no parking law in front of the library. Trustee Bradicich said he would like to look into a time for no parking. No motion was made at this time.

Mayor Alberti asked Attorney Rappleyea about the lease agreement with the Town, as it has not been received yet. Trustee Butler asked what the dates of the lease are. The attorney said that it could be prorated at the closing if it is not paid and that the Town should be following the lease, as the building is not deeded to them yet.

Mayor Alberti asked if the trustees had anything they would like to add

Trustee Lasher said the picnic tables were in that the Street Festival purchased. Mayor Alberti asked if she had met with the Veterans and she said the meeting was cancelled, but will meet with them this Friday night.

Trustee Spinner said she didn't have anything, but did want to add that she enjoyed working with everyone for the past 2 years and was thankful for the experience.

Trustee Butler said she didn't have anything.

Mayor Alberti said he enjoyed serving as mayor and working with everyone and thanked everyone for their support over the past 5 years.

Mayor Alberti then asked the people in attendance if they had anything.

Susan a resident that lives on North Vernon Street said she would like to speak about the noise at Peckham. Mayor Alberti said she should call 24 hrs before a meeting to be put on

the agenda, but he would let her speak tonight. Susan said she bought her home and was told by the realtor that Peckham was on their way out. She said the noise from the machinery can be heard at her house and she has a video from 1 am of the horrible noise. Mayor Alberti said that they only left the Amos Post property and moved some of the business out by the tracks. He explained that they are a large corporation and right now it is cheaper to receive their product by barge than by rail. Susan said a lot of people are overwhelmed by the smell and she knows a way to remedy this and would like to be put on the agenda. Mayor Alberti told her to fill out a complaint form first as this may fall under the noise ordinance of be a code enforcement issue.

A resolution was made by Trustee Bradicich, and second by Trustee Lasher to override the 2% tax cap. All were in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Butler all were in favor.

Submitted by,

D. Palmateer  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer