

**VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – April 9, 2019**

Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Stephan Bradicich, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Robert Scott, Trustee Amy Serrago and Trustee Dr. Joshua Lipsman.

PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of tonight's Public Hearing is to receive public comment on the Village's Tentative Budget for fiscal year ending May 31, 2020.

The Mayor noted that the Tentative budget is very preliminary at this point and highlighted some of this year's costs and also mentioned that he will be meeting with department heads to review and perhaps cut items in order to bring the numbers under the 2 percent tax cap.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Village resident Robert Brunner asked the VB if the budget provided this evening was the same that was available at the last meeting?

The Mayor replied 'yes'. No changes have been made.

No other comments or questions.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Serrago, all in favor to **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at 6:34 PM.**

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Village Attorney - Tal Rappleyea

Reminder to the VB that the Public Hearing for the proposed local law to have one side of the street parking on a portion of Second Street has been completed and the VB can act on it or not.

Discussion ensued.

The Mayor noted that he would like to revisit it at the next meeting or early May.

The issue over who owns the road on Murphy Drive will hopefully be settled soon with Mr. Steenberg.

Conveyance of the Village Community Center Building to the Town of Athens is on-going.

Easements for road/culvert pipe work on Union Street are indeed permanent easements.

2. DPW - Anthony Proper

Replacing 4 Fire hydrants.

Village/Town cleanup day is scheduled for April 20, 2019.

Flushing of hydrants will take place the week of April 22, 2019

3. Fire Department – Chief David Disbrow

Ladder, hose and Flow testing for Airpaks will be taking place.
Application for use of the Athens Firehouse for private functions were discussed.

4. Code Enforcement Officer - Mike Ragaini - no show
5. APD – Chief Roger Masse - no show
6. Water & Sewer – Seth Mann and Joe Myers

March 2019 Operations Report was provided to all Village Board Members.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Athens Fire Department Membership Application. Applicant: Joseph Robinson. A MOTION was made by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Lipsman, all in favor approving application as submitted.
2. Outdoor Entertainment for commercial establishments and Events Permit Application. Applicant: Hagars Harbor. (Approved - RESOLUTION follows)

BID OPENING - LAWN MOWING

Bids received:

D&C lawncare \$22,080.00

Rifenburg Landscaping \$18,000.00

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on April 3rd, 2019 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by: Trustee Serrago

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 #9918644 through #9918648 in the amount of \$9,677.52

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10427, vouchers numbered #9918649 through #9918651 in the amount of \$8,442.92

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Serrago

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Approving Application for Outdoor Entertainment.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve the application for outdoor entertainment as submitted by Hagar's Harbor, stipulating that the village's local law for noise be adhered to:

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

4. Proposed Resolution Approving Lawn mowing bid for season 2019

WHEREAS, the village has published notification of their RFP for lawn mowing services for village properties for the 2019 season, and

WHEREAS, 2 sealed bids were received and opened and after careful review the village noted that although Rifenburg Landscaping did not provide equipment to be used and references for completed work as specified in the bid specs, and

WHEREAS, Rifenburg Landscaping has previously been awarded this contract in the past and performed in a competent and responsible manner with no issues and their bid was considerably lower in cost to the village,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board has decided to award the bid to Rifenburg landscaping, the lowest bidder at a cost for services not to exceed \$18,000:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Assessors Monthly Report
2. Iroquois Report
3. PERMA – Diversity and conflict Management
4. Cornell University Cooperative Extension. Re: Animal Regulation Issues for Local Governments

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Applications received for Superintendent of DPW
2. No applications received for the position of Recreation Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AVFD – 2 requests for use of facility – put on file in village office per AVFD.

TRUSTEES:

Trustee Lasher noted that the Athens Dog Park needs a volunteer. It has been awhile since the last volunteer resigned.

Trustee Lasher also noted that the new building plans do not have an Athens museum. The volunteer that runs it presently approached her and was concerned about it.

Trustee Lipsman discussed a grant application that the VB may be interested in pursuing through NYSHSES (NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services). It is entitled Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application. Activities that the village may be potentially eligible to apply for

are acquisition and demolition or acquisition and relocation of properties in the flood zone or structural elevation projects.

Trustee Scott mentioned that he would like to revisit the possibility of constructing a salt shed for the DPW.

Trustee Serrago noted that she will be working on social media for the village.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20PM.

MOTION made by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Wynne