

**VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – September 11, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor Stephan Bradicich, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Robert Scott, Trustee Amy Serrago

ABSENT: Trustee Josh Lipsman

Pledge to the Flag.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Status of Community Center Building – The attorney heard back from SHPO and they are in agreement to waive the prorated cost of releasing the covenant with the village so that the Town can obtain ownership of the Community center. However, any changes to the outside of the building must be approved by SHPO.

MOTION to accept updated covenant with SHPO on the Community Center Building approved by Trustee Lasher, Seconded by Trustee Serrago, all in favor

Maurer property is up for bid tomorrow.

Proposed Law to create a commercial zoning overlay is ready for a Public Hearing. Notices have been sent to neighboring communities and he will bring the SEQRA to the next meeting (Public Hearing).

Court date for motocross track is Sept. 26th at 3:00PM.

Murphy Drive – no deed yet from Steenburgh (plowing purposes) yet. The attorney will contact Mr. Steenburgh again.

2. DPW- Anthony Proper

Reported on the results of smoke testing in the village. He also provided pictures of some of the problems that were identified. Discussion ensued regarding possible remedies. The village also has issues with their own sewer pipe along N. Vernon St. down Second Street to Route 385.

Mr. Proper noted the complexity of it since you have to separate the water in order to take care of the sewer.

Mr. Proper also asked how homeowners would be alerted and how long they would have to remedy this situation.

The Mayor stated that they would look at the severity of the issue and that will determine how long they will have to fix it.

Trustee Serrago asked what if the homeowner does not have the funds to fix the problem?

Again, the issue of stanchions on Route 385 (corners on Second St) were discussed. Safety has always been of concern there.

Rich Cure asked that the VB look at putting in a sidewalk in the alley towards the parking lot.

The roadway between the two Senior Housing buildings on Third Street was discussed. There is a serious drainage issue after it rains. Catskill Mt. Housing Board has asked the village if they would consider paving it. It is a village road.

Mr. Proper has received a quote of \$26,884.00 to pave it and the DPW will put 2 catch basins in. He noted that they could use the money in CHIPS EWR and some of the road materials line item.

The Mayor stated that he will have a budget review next week and then decide.

3. Fire Department - Chief David Disbrow
Provided an activity report for all Trustees.

Informed the Village Board that they have been working on a grant to purchase more radios and also discussed some repairs that have had to be done on their vehicles.

4. Code Enforcement- Michael Ragaini

Discussed the following properties:

* 7 S. Washington Street. Mayor instructed the Code Enforcement Officer to re-write the violation previously sent and show the Mayor first before sending it out.

* Property North of the village's kayak launch that is in seriously bad shape. Code Enforcement is trying to find an address for the owner.

The Mayor informed the Code Enforcement Officer that the complaint information is now online and he can keep on top of that and keep everyone informed.

5. Athens Police Department – Chief Masse. No Show.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving application to hire new part time officer pending agreement. No paperwork provided to Clerk-Treasurer.

6. Water & Sewer – Northdome

Seth Mann attended the meeting and provided the VB with a monthly operations Report for the month of July 2019.

APPLICATIONS:

FACILITY USE applications –

1. Applicant: Pat Gillespie. Facility requested: Riverfront Park. MOTION made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Serrago, all in favor to approve.
2. Applicant: Cara Erickson. Facility requested: Riverfront Park. MOTION made by Trustee Serrago, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor to approve.

3. Applicant: Karel Schurman Random Productions, LLC Facility requested: 3rd Street and S. Franklin St. (more information provided) MOTION made by Trustee Serrago, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor to approve application pending the Mayor clarify details.
4. Applicant: Pumpkin Parade committee. Facility requested: Riverfront Park. MOTION made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Serrago, all in favor to approve.
5. Applicant: Athens Cultural Center. Facility requested: gym, museum. MOTION made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor to approve application.
6. Applicant: Athens Street Festival. Facility requested: Riverfront Park – Oktoberfest. MOTION made by Trustee Serrago, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor to approve application.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on August 28, 2019 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Serrago
Seconded by: Trustee Scott
Record of vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers as Presented

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

GENERAL- Abstract #2004, vouchers numbered #9919032 through #9919055 in the amount of \$19,348.27

WATER- Abstract #10456, vouchers numbered #9919057 through #9919065 in the amount of \$44,456.23

SEWER- Abstract #10439, vouchers numbered #9919066 through #9919068 in the amount of \$8508.35

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

3. Proposed Resolution Approving waiving open container law

WHEREAS, the Athens Street Festival will be holding an Oktoberfest on October 19, 2019 in the Village Riverfront Park, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves waiving the open container law at the Riverfront Park within the boundaries of the Riverfront Park on October 19, 2019 during the hours of the event at the request of the Oktoberfest Committee:

Offered by: Trustee Serrago
Seconded by: Trustee Scott
Record of vote: All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NYS Board on electric generation siting and the environment. Re: Case 17-F-0619 Application of Hecate Energy Greene 1 LLC

2. Town of Athens Board of Assessment Review. Re: Certification of Corrections made pursuant to Section 553 of the Real Property Tax Law.
3. Random Productions, LLC. Re: HBO filming.
4. Pumpkin parade committee. Re: Pumpkin parade.
5. Athens Cultural Center. Re: Victorian Stroll.
6. Keith Rodan. Re: Followup on noise issue.
7. Town of Athens. Re: Proposed LL#2 – Amend zoning map.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearings to be scheduled for the next Village Board meeting.
2. D.R. Evarts Library – Certificate of Deposits transferred from the village.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. SRO contract – requires Mayor signature. Mayor signed.
2. Isabelle Rainey sign
3. Paul Ochs property

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05PM

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Serrago

Record of vote: All in favor

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Jo Wynne