

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES- February 14, 2018

Pledge to the Flag

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Shannon Spinner and Trustee Robert Scott.

ABSENT: Trustee Marla Butler and Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea

PUBLIC:

1. *Tree Committee members Mary Ellen Gallagher and Stephan Bradicich* attended the meeting to discuss the proposed tree law.

Mayor Alberti stated that a meeting was held a couple of weeks ago with the tree committee, a couple of VB members and the Village Attorney. Review and revisions were made to the tree law.

Everyone agreed that it was a very productive meeting.

Ms. Gallagher stated that Mayor Alberti was going to get some input from the Planning Board regarding future development and concern of tree planning.

Mr. Bradicich noted that the Village Attorney seemed to think that there was already something in the Planning Board site plan review process that would address planning for trees in projects that include development of land. He feels strongly that in a waterfront community such as Athens a developer should not be able to clear cut property. He wanted to be sure that there is some reference to a 'tree plan' in the code as it relates to development of property.

Mayor Alberti stated that he will contact the Village Attorney to ensure that this is in the code already.

The Mayor asked if anyone had any other questions or comments?

Trustee Scott noted that he felt the law was very well put together and everyone did a great job.

The VB and the tree committee agreed. The VB thanked the tree committee.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. *Mike Ragaini –Code Enforcement Officer*

Mr. Ragaini discussed the Maurer property, Marlboro Street property and Heines property with the Village Board.

Mr. Ragaini also mentioned that the project across from Sleepy Hollow entrance on Route 385 was moving along. Mr. Melino spoke with Chairperson Maggie Moree and she informed him that he is allowed to put up 3 duplex's on the property before he needs

to come to the Planning Board for approval on any other development. Mr. Melino has been completing demolition of the trailers on the property as well.

The Stewart House project is coming along- they received approval from the planning Board for window replacement with stipulations.

2. *Anthony Proper – DPW*

Informed the VB of the streets he is looking to pave this year if there is money available:

Ebs Lane

Murphy Drive

Marvin Place

Greenwich St.

Third Street (from Leeds-Athens to Chatham St.)

First St.

Montgomery St.

Wayne St.

The DPW has had several water leaks over the past two weeks. They are also going to repair a leaking valve on Second Street next week.

He also mentioned that Union Street is in really rough shape and he would like to repave it. However the sewer line would need to be replaced first. Is there a possibility that we can have the job of replacing the sewer line put out to bid? He would like to fix the drainage this year and then pave it next year.

He would also like to replace the drainage on N. Vernon Street (next to Mcloughlin's). He would like to purchase the piping from Pipes Plus on State Bid price so that the materials are there when he is ready to start the job.

He would also like to purchase a 2inch trash pump for \$900.00 to be used for water breaks. VB approved.

DPW is also working on the Food Pantry room as well.

3. *Adam Greco- Fire Chief*

He is still working on the social media photo policy for the Fire Department. It is becoming more involved than he thought that it would.

The Mayor stated that he could get the Village Attorney, Marla and himself together to review it and work on it with him if he wishes.

Helmet cameras for the AVFD were discussed.

The Chief invited all VB members to the Annual Firemen's Dinner to be held on April 14, 2018.

Repairs were completed on E22 – Frozen pump and E28- heating voltage issues (battery and solenoid) had to be replaced.

Mayor Alberti noted that the village has received the letter and paperwork from Homeland Security NYSESRL notifying us that we have been approved of a loan for \$160,000.00 for the purchase of Airpaks. The paperwork will be completed and he will find out if we need to go out to bid or just find a vendor to purchase airpaks from at State Bid price.

The Chief will be notified when this is all completed.

4. Roger Masse – Police Chief – absent.
5. Northdome Operations – Joe Myers and Seth Mann

WWTP – VB members and contract operators at this plant have always been aware that this plant has issues during high rain or melting events. Northdome has come up with a program to address this problem during these rain/melt events, which is an operating procedure to minimize the impact on the plant.

WFP – Backwash water usage has been minimized from 70,000 gallons to 30,000 gallons.

WFP – Building up spare parts inventory and investigating the status of the Carbon filters.

APPLICATION: Applicant: Billy Baxter- Cocksackie-Athens Community Band. Re: Athens Riverfront Park – concert.

MOTION made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor to approve the Application for June 6, 2018 at the Athens Riverfront Park.

MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meetings held on January 10th and January 24th, 2018 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

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 Approves payment of the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1954, vouchers numbered #9917561 through #9917595 in the amount of \$43,393.58

WATER FUND – Abstract #10413, vouchers numbered #9917596 through #9917608 in the amount of \$12,883.43

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10397, vouchers numbered #9917609 through #9917624 in the amount of \$21,027.68

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution to accept funds for the AVFD from the NYS Emergency Services Revolving Loan for the purchases approved by the VB towards Fire Equipment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the acceptance of monies received from the Emergency Services Revolving Loan Program for the AVFD for the purchase of 18 Scott Airpaks as requested by the Fire Chief

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

4. Proposed Resolution to amend Resolution #3 of January 10, 2018 meeting minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves adding Joshua Welch and Thomas Kirby – also members of Boy Scout Troop 45 -to the proclamation for achieving the title of Eagle Scout.

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

5. Proposed Resolution to advertise for bids for 2018 lawn mowing services for the village

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

6. Proposed Resolution to sign contract with Appolo Heating, Inc. for a service agreement for the furnace at the Athens Fire House

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

7. Proposed Resolution approving Capital Bicycle Racing Club request to pass through parts of the Village of Athens for the Annual Trooper David Brinkerhoff Memorial Race Series

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the request by the Capital Bicycle Racing Club to pass through parts of the village as part of their Annual Trooper David Brinkerhoff Memorial Race Series to be held on April 7th and April 14th

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

8. Proposed Resolution approving the adoption of the 'ThinkDIFFERENTLY' initiative

WHEREAS the County of Dutchess has provided the Village of Athens with information regarding the ‘ThinkDIFFERENTLY’ initiative and is also asking municipalities across the state to join them in supporting this initiative,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves the adoption of the ‘ThinkDIFFERENTLY’ initiative to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for residents with special needs and include every individual of every ability into their community.

(RESOLUTION attached)

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of vote: All in favor

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Status of the lease for the Town office space.
2. Tree Legislation.
3. Dog Park

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Easement – 3rd street.
2. Received comments for Public Hearing on proposed tree legislation

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NYSDOT. Re: CHIPS, PAVE NY, EWR.
2. NYSDOH. Re: Results of radiological water sample.
3. Capital Bicycle Racing Club. Re: Trooper David Brinkerhoff Memorial Race Series.
4. Town Assessor Carol McBride. Re: Report.
5. NYSDOH. Re: Monitoring Notice.
6. County of Dutchess. Re: “ThinkDifferently”.
7. Boy Scout Troop 45. Re: Eagle Scout.
8. NYSDOT. Re: Notice of funding availability- Bridge NY.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55PM

Offered by:Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

Mary Jo Wynne
Clerk-Treasurer

