

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, May 9, 2018

Members Present: Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustees Stephan Bradicich, Gail Lasher, Shannon Spinner and Acting Secretary, Peggy Snyder

Pledge to the Flag

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Alberti

Department Heads:

1. Tal Rappleyea – Village Attorney

- Working with Mary Jo on Workforce Violence Training
- Heines violation hearing postponed until May 23rd
- Appraisal on property for DPW came in much lower than anticipated, there is no contract with owner, environmental evaluation has not been done.
- Tax capital appeal, good idea, Tal will write up for Public Hearing on May 23rd
- Waiver for State liquor license – businesses must put municipality on notice 30 days prior, this is usual proforma with both applications

2. Wayne Butterworth – Assistant Chief, Athens Fire Department

- City of Hudson member passed, and the Chief has expressed to them Athens will help with mutual aid and a truck for the funeral service
- Ladder testing was completed last month
- Fire suppression system done on May 1st
- Hose testing will be done this month
- Sprinkler inspection will be completed in the next few weeks
- Looking to upgrade training programs, would like instructor book and kit. Two books available \$454 and \$126, both under the \$500.
 - Motion was made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Lasher to purchase the book for \$454 to be billed in June under new budget, all in favor, motion carried.
- Talking about keeping Boat 2-6 in water at Palmateer's dock for \$450 for season. Agreement between Palmateer and Fire Department needs to be discussed with Attorney Rappleyea.
 - Motion was made by Trustee Bradicich and seconded by Trustee Lasher to approve the expense of \$450 for dock space for the season pending the agreement is approved by the attorney. All in favor, motion carried.
- Would like to upgrade some options on the I Am Responding System (IMRS) a computer and monitor in the bays and tablets for the trucks. An initial expense of \$869.92 for the tablets and then \$64 per month. These items were not placed in the budget and will need to be discussed with Mary Jo and Trustee Butler to see if money can be moved to cover expense. The IMRS is supplied by the County.
- Would like to re-key all doors at the fire station, not done since 2004. Approximate price of \$8-\$9 per door for keys and plates for some doors.
 - Motion was made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Bradicich for all doors to be re-keyed. All in favor, motion carried.
- Would like to purchase three new helmet shields from Garrison in the amount of \$312. Discussed by Board members and decided that money for this should come from membership money not from the budget.

3. Anthony Proper – DPW

- Don Fontaine has asked for the two garbage cans on Second Street to be removed due to people putting household garbage in them.
 - Anthony was instructed by Board to remove the two cans.
- At 50 Second Street the sidewalk is lifted 4” from tree roots.
 - Mayor will look at this and also invite the Tree Committee to look at this situation and give comments by next meeting.
- Roads to be paved, contacted Peckham and Callarusso for pricing. No reply from Peckham and Callarusso quoted \$158,324.40 for all roads.
 - Motion was made by Trustee Bradicich and seconded by Trustee Lasher to hire Callarusso for the roads. All in favor, motion carried.
- Would like to replace 4 fire hydrants at a cost of \$24,764.20 from Coreman. The four will be Rt 385, top of hill on Church Street, by the school and either Vernon or Union Street.
 - Motion was made by Trustee Bradicich and seconded by Trustee Spinner to approve the amount and replace the four hydrants. All in favor, motion carried.
- Kayak launch, waiting to hear back from building owner.

4. Police Dept – Trustee Lasher gave report

- Pricing on new SUV, cost is \$25,000 and approximately \$30,000 total with extras.
- Have met with local tavern owners for possible van to take people home if unable to drive safely

5. Mike Ragaini – Code Enforcement

- Demo finished on tanks at KOSCO property
- Stewart House progressing and plan to open by end of May, sprinkler system to be tested yet.
- 46 Second Street demolition of deck in back to be done soon with small deck by exit door placed. Will also remove plywood in walkway and fill with cement
- Maurer house on North Franklin the bank now has possession
- Someone has bought the Marlboro property

6. Seth Mann – Northdome

- Water treatment plant in compliance for April
- Installed new Injection Quill on Potassium Permanganate line at raw water pump station
- Village wastewater plant in compliance for April
- Working on cleaning excess sludge from drying beds
- Wastewater treatment plant Brick Row in compliance for April
- Waiting to hear on one bad pump at Brick Row
- Waiting to hear from the dam inspector for yearly inspection
- Hydrants were flushed with no problems

Public:

1. Megan Ostyic submitted application and check for \$50 to use Riverfront Park for wedding on October 20, 2018 from 1 – 5 PM.
 - Motion was made by Trustee Lasher and seconded by Trustee Spinner to approve the application to sue Riverfront Park on October 20, 2018 for wedding. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Gertie Mac Czarnecki: RE: Athens Dog Park
Trustee Spinner read a letter from Ms Mac Czarnecki stating she would like to take on the responsibility of being the caretaker of the Athens Dog Park.

- Motion made by Trustee Lasher and seconded by Trustee spinner for Gertie Mac Czarnecki to be the caretaker of the Athens Dog Park, all in favor, motion carried.

Applications:

1. Facility usage – Riverfront Park. Applicant: Athens Paddock Club, June 29th for a BBQ fundraiser
 - *Motion made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Bradicich for the Athens Paddock Club to use Riverfront Park on June 29th, all in favor, motion carried.*
2. Facility usage – Gym. Applicant: Tammy Hendricks – birthday party, May 27th, no time offered
 - *Motion made by Trustee Lasher and seconded by Trustee Bradicich to approve use of the Gym on May 27th pending no conflicts since no time was on application. All in favor, motion carried.*

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on April 25, 2018 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Spinner
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of vote: 4 -0, Motion carried

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers presented

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board Approves payment of the vouchers as presented.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Spinner
Record of Vote: 4 -0, Motion carried

3. Proposed Resolution appointing a Recreation Director for the Summer Recreation Program 2018

Offered by: Trustee Spinner
Seconded by: Trustee Bradicich
Record of Vote: 4 – 0, Motion carried

4. Proposed Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign new contract for CDPHP – health insurance for non-union workers

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of Vote: 4 – 0, Motion carried

Communications

1. NYS Homeland Security and Emergency services: Re: Stella payment \$7766.51
 - *Federal share, waiting to hear from State*
2. Athens Volunteer Fire Department: Re: New Officers list
 - *Motion made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Bradicich to accept the proposed list of Officers, all in favor, motion carried.*

3. NYS Liquor Authority. Re: 30-day advanced notice, Stella's Pizza
 - *Motion made by Trustee Lasher and seconded by Trustee Spinner to accept the notice, all in favor, motion carried.*
4. NYS DOT. Re: Available funding CHIPS < PAVE NY and EWR
 - *Mayor distributed information for Board to review*
5. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties. Re: Climate smart Resiliency Planning Tool
 - *There will be a presentation on May 23rd.*
6. Greenberg & Greenberg Counselors at Law, Client – Stewart House Hospitality LLC Re: requesting a waiver of the 30 day advance notice for liquor license on their gazebo.
 - *Motion made by Trustee Lasher and seconded by Trustee Spinner to approve the waiver of 30 day notice for the gazebo, all in favor, motion carried.*
7. American Legion Post 187. Re: Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 28th at 9 AM
 - *Motion made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Bradicich for permission for Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 28th by the American Legion, all in favor, motion carried.*

Old Business

1. Lease payment
 - Trustee Lasher to follow-up with Rob on lease payment
2. NYS Dept. of Labor. Re: Penalty – Workplace Violence Training
 - Mayor Alberti will look into possibly doing in conjunction with the Fire Department on a week night and a Saturday.
3. AVFD. Re: Need check for propane and half the cleaner expense by 5/31/18

New Business

- APAC
 - Trustee Lasher will contact Rick to see if having program.
- Schedule Public Hearing for repeal of Tax override law
 - Attorney Rapplyea will schedule Public Hearing

Trustee Reports

1. Trustee Lasher:
 - No report
2. Trustee Spinner:
 - No report
3. Trustee Bradicich
 - Sent the proposed memorandum on combined Highway Superintendent to Village Board for review and now it can be sent to Rob Butler
 - *Motion made by Trustee Bradicich and seconded by Trustee Spinner for document to be sent to the Town Supervisor, all in favor, motion carried.*
 - Would like to look at other options for DPW either property or structure
 - *Committee to meet and look at appraisal and discuss other options*

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Bradicich, Vote 4-0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm by Mayor Alberti.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Snyder
Acting Secretary