

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, September 26, 2018

Members Present: Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustees Stephan Bradicich, Marla Butler, Gail Lasher, Shannon Spinner, Attorney Rapplyea 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

Note *Trustee Lasher left the meeting at 6:58 pm for an emergency and returned at 7:19 pm.

Public Meeting:

1. Tom McGuinness from the Athens Police Department came to speak on an issue from a few weeks ago that involves a police officer and an elected Board member. Trustee Lasher made a motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Trustee Bradicich. The board entered into executive session at 6:36 pm and re-entered the regular meeting at 6:46 pm on a motion made by Trustee Bradicich and seconded by Trustee Spinner. The police, Village attorney and Mayor will look further into this issue.
2. Michael Black: Mr. Black stated that the tree that was trimmed on Second Street was not done properly as shown by Best Practices for removing branches. Mayor Alberti responded that the tree branches were removed in accordance with the arborist that the Village and the Athens Tree Committee has been working with. Mr. Black asked if the tree stump that is in front of his home could be left there and was told no by Mayor Alberti. Mr. Black asked if the black locust tree in his yard that helps shade his house that has issues could be partially removed and the Mayor answered that the entire tree would be taken down.
3. Wayne Butterworth and Anthony Delveccho from the Athens Fire Department accompanied Seth Dillworth who has applied for membership in the Fire Company. He lives in the Village of Athens and would like to support and help his community. Also Matt Alfultis has applied for membership but is unable to be at the meeting due to college classes. Both are signed up to begin the BPOE fire training class that starts on October 1st. A motion was made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Butler to approve both applicants. All in favor, motion carried.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on July 12, 2017 be approved:

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Bradicich

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 Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Bradicich

Record of Vote: 4 -0, Motion carried

New Business

- Public Hearing scheduled for October 10th
 - Regarding training for Planning Board members
- Check received from School for Police coverage Dec. through June
 - Trustee Lasher will check into the taxes on this check
- Annual Financial Report is in the process of being completed
 - Work being completed
- Facility Use Application: Winter Baseball Clinics
 - A motion was made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Butler to approve the use of the facility for the hours of 10 am OR 11 am until 5 pm. All in favor, motion carried. Trustee Butler to speak with Derrick regarding hours of use.

Communications

1. Kayla Barkman, RE: Resignation from Police Department
2. Office of the Assessor – Town of Athens, Re: Reval plan and Data Collection
3. NYS department of Health, Re: Public Water Supply – MCL exceedance
 - *Seth stated that they are doing what is necessary for annual water test.*
4. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, Re: Application Hecate Energy Greene 1 LLC
 - *They are inviting comments*
5. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Re: Greene County Draft Natural Resource Inventory Review Session
 - *Same night as Board meeting*
6. Wency Hernandez, Re: Resignation from Police Department
7. Joe Caputo, Re: Not attending academy

Trustee Reports

1. Trustee Lasher:
 - Will check with Mary Jo on the pumpkin parade and if any other requests for the Athens Community Foundation grant.

2. Trustee Spinner:

- Nothing

3. Trustee Bradicich

- Trustee Bradicich, Mayor Alberti and Highway Supervisor Proper did three interviews for the position on the Town highway department and are presenting the name of Tom Sheffer as the chosen candidate. He is also the person who has the contract for mowing in the Village at present but that would not interfere as he applied for this position after having the mowing position. He would not be eligible to bid for the mowing position next year. He has experience on equipment and managerial.

- A motion was made by Trustee Bradicich and seconded by Trustee Butler to hire Tom Sheffer for the DPW position and for Mayor Alberti to notify Tom that he will start on October 2, 2018. All in favor, motion carried.

- The Tree Committee and Friends of Athens have been approved to do a tree planting. Letters will be going out to homeowners where trees will be planted in front of their homes.

4. Trustee Butler

- The gym is starting up again.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Alberti stated that Anthony had a request from Home Sweet Home to put a crosswalk in front of their building. He would also like to put a crosswalk in from Second Street to Vernon Street, Second Street to North Franklin and the park to the corner of Second Street by the Palmateer residence.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Butler and seconded by Trustee Spinner to approve the crosswalk in front of Home Sweet Home and for Anthony to get prices on doing the others. All in favor, motion carried.
- Mayor Alberti stated that the status of Jessie Vail needs to be changed.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Butler to change the status of Jessie Vail to competitive. All in favor, motion carried.
- Mayor Alberti stated that Trustee Lasher, Town Supervisor Butler and himself met and agreed to hold the present fire contract amount at the present rate and to have a study done to become one Fire District. There are now four fire areas and two companies. This would combine all into one district and possibly save money. Town Supervisor Butler was present and stated the Town is willing to pay for this study. It was decided that a combined grant application would be done with the Town for the Athens Community Foundation grant for funds to have the study done.
- Anthony had Callaruso come today to look at driveway and planning to seal as long as homeowner agrees.

Attorney Report

- Attorney Rapplyea stated that the Mayor has signed the satisfaction of mortgage on the loan fund and that there are funds available and no one has applied in a long time.

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Spinner and seconded by Trustee Bradicich, Vote 5-0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm by Mayor Alberti.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Snyder
Acting Secretary