

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 8, 2020

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Governor's COVID-19 Executive Order 202.2 and will be conducted electronically. The public was invited to join the meeting using the following link or call in number:

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Tal Rappleyea – Village Attorney

He is meeting with Bond Counsel this week regarding the DPW garage project and also noted that the appraisal for the old DPW garage is underway.

Conveyance of the Village Building to the Town was also discussed in that he sent a letter to the Town Attorney requesting lease money since discussions have been going on longer than anticipated.

2. Anthony Proper – DPW Director – absent

Mayor met with Mr. Proper to discuss signage on One Way Street (Second St. – by the Stewart House). Mayor Bradicich wants to review previous Minutes to recall reason for changing that street to one way. Perhaps revert back to two way street. Chief of Police Roger Masse wants to see final plan, if any, before implementation.

3. David Disbrow – Fire Chief- absent.

Trustee Lipsman questioned Fire Department protocol for COVID-19 protection and training.

Mayor Bradicich approved Blood Drive at the AVFD Firehouse.

4. Roger Masse – Chief of Police

Noted that there have been recent larcenies in the Village including car break-ins and packages stolen from porches. No arrests made to date.

The new police vehicle has been delivered with decals. Radio/lights/other equipment delayed due to pandemic.

Trustee Lipsman, as a Dr., not a Trustee, questioned protocol for COVID-19 protection and training of Police Officers. Chief Masse said they are properly trained, have adequate PPE, and know how to conduct themselves. Mayor Bradicich talked to Sheriff Kusminsky and all Village staff are in compliance with Greene County protocol.

5. Mike Ragaini – Code Enforcement Officer- absent.

Mayor Bradicich noted that he spoke with Mr. Ragaini. The owners of property on Warren Street will be demolishing the structure on their property. No timeline mentioned.

6. North Dome operations- Seth Mann & Joe Myers

Provided monthly report for both WWTP's and WFP.

Discussion ensued regarding valve replacement. There is no money in the budget for this presently, however, there seems to be enough money in the line item for sludge removal to do it.

7. Jason Preisner- Village Engineer

Updated the VB on the DPW garage project. Mr. Preisner proposes archeological digs can begin mid-May and construction perhaps in June. However, because of COVID-19 restrictions this project is considered non-essential and all work may be delayed.

Bids discussed again. RESOLUTION follows.

Trustee Lipsman discussed the NYSEDA grant with the Engineer. The grant amount is \$30,000.00. Mr. Preisner sourced a Vendor for slip-lining a portion of Second Street (800feet) at a cost of \$32,000.00- \$36,000.00 excluding Engineering costs and contingency. Trustee Lipsman mentioned perhaps using monies left in the line item for sludge removal to cover the overage on the project.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Permit to Peddle. Applicant: Good Day Honey (Frank & Marline Stanton & Jeffry Ruso).
Not approved pending further information.

RESOLUTIONS:

2) Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meetings held on March 11th and March 25th, 2020 be approved:

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

3) Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers as Presented on Abstracts

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

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #2022, vouchers numbered #9919543 through #9919568 in the amount of \$60,044.99

WATER FUND – Abstract #10472, vouchers numbered #9919569 through #9919576 in the amount of \$12,932.84

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10456, vouchers numbered #9919578 through #9919585 in the amount of \$10,239.48

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by: Trustee Serrago

Record of vote: All in favor

4) Proposed Resolution Approving Bids for DPW garage

A RESOLUTION awarding bids for the Village of Athens – new department of public works garage:

CONTRACT NO. 1 – GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

CONTRACT NO. 2 – ELECTRICAL

CONTRACT NO. 3 – HVAC

CONTRACT NO. 4 - PLUMBING

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Athens (“Village”) has issued solicitations for sealed bids for the General Construction (Contract No. 1), Electrical Construction (Contract No. 2), HVAC Construction (Contract No. 3) and Plumbing Construction (Contract No. 4) for the Village of Athens – New Department of Public Works Garage (“Project”) as set forth in the bid documents prepared by Lamont Engineers P.C.; and

WHEREAS, Lamont Engineers P.C. has reviewed the submitted bids for Contracts 1, 2, 3 and 4, and has identified the low bidders as:

Contract No. 1 - J-Squared Construction Corp. of Voorheesville, New York as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and has recommended that the Village Board award Contract No. 1 – General Construction in the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$855,000); and

Contract No. 2 – Spring Electric, Inc. of Averill Park, New York as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and has recommended that the Village Board award Contract No. 2 – Electrical Construction in the amount of Eighty-Two Thousand Five-Hundred-Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$82,550); and

Contract No. 3 – RMB Heating & Cooling, LLC. of Schenectady, New York as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and has recommended that the Village Board award Contract

No. 3 – HVAC Construction in the amount of Forty-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$48,000); and

Contract No. 4 – Avolio Brothers, LLC., of Norwich, New York as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and has recommended that the Village Board award Contract No. 4 – Plumbing Construction in the amount of Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One and 00/100 Dollars (\$54,881); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board may issue the Notice of Award for Contract No. 1, Contract No. 2, Contract No. 3 and Contract No. 4 attached hereto as Exhibit A, upon review and approval of the low bid and engineer's recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby award Contracts 1, 2, 3 and 4 as follows:

Contract No. 1 – General Constriction to J-Squared Construction Corp. in the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$855,000); and

Contract No. 2 – Electrical Constriction to Spring Electric, Inc. in the amount of Eighty-Two Thousand Five-Hundred-Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$82,550); and

Contract No. 3 – HVAC Construction to RMB Heating & Cooling, LLC. in the amount of Forty-Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$48,000); and

Contract No. 4 – Plumbing Construction to Avolio Brothers, LLC. in the amount of Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One and 00/100 Dollars (\$54,881); and

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award for Contracts 1, 2, 3 and 4 attached hereto in Exhibit A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes and directs the Mayor to execute the related contract documents, Notice to Proceed and any other documents necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing resolutions in a form acceptable to Lamont Engineers P.C. and the Counsel for the Village as appropriate.

ROLL CALL:

Offered: Trustee Serrago
Seconded by: Trustee Lipsman
Trustee Robert Scott votes aye
Trustee Gail Lasher votes aye
Mayor Stephen Bradicich votes aye

RESOLUTION PASSES

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Greene County Legislator. Re: COVID-19 – possibility of illegal housing.
2. Flint Mine Solar. Re: Notice of Submission of Application for the Flint Mine Solar Project.
3. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: CASE 10-T-0139 Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need. Order granting, in part, amendment of certificate of environmental compatibility and public need subject to conditions (issued and effective March 20, 2020).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Palmateer sewer hook-up – The Village Attorney is sending a letter today.
2. Donna Mongiardo. Village Attorney will be sending her a letter today.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussed the Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee. Trustee Lipsman noted that the Matching grant amount has already been exceeded in volunteer hours. Survey is in progress.

Community Choice Aggregation- need to send proof of publicizing the informational meeting on 2/26/20.

Iroquois Gas Transmission. Receiving a lot of information regarding this. Should we organize a task force?

Video dropped during this portion.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:35PM

Maryjo Wynne