

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES– June 9, 2021

Pledge to the Flag.

Meeting held at 6:30PM at the Athens Firehouse

PRESENT: Mayor Amy Serrago, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Rickie Gabrielle, Trustee Nancy Poylo and Trustee Dr. Josh Lipsman
Clerk-Treasurer Mary Jo Wynne was also present for the purpose of taking Minutes.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Working on the tax cap repeal, police reform update and social media policy update.

Discussion ensued regarding overnight boat docking at the Riverfront Park. There are signs that prohibit it but there is nothing in the Code Book/local law. Therefore, the Attorney suggested having a VB Resolution prohibiting extended docking at the Riverfront Park.

The VB decided to table it until next meeting so they can formulate a clear Resolution.

2. DPW- Anthony Proper

DPW garage parking lot will be paved on Friday.

Mr. Proper has started the process of contacting contractors regarding the Union Street culvert pipe project.

Murphy Drive – a resident asked for a ‘no outlet’ sign and also the issue of making the street a ‘5-ton weight limit’ were both discussed.

Approval to purchase an excavator at a cost of \$66,081.99 and a trailer at a cost of \$6,610.00 were discussed. Monies were put into the budget for the current fiscal year.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Poylo, seconded by Trustee Gabrielle, all in favor to approve the purchase of an excavator for \$66,081.99 and a trailer at a cost of \$6,610.00 for the dpw with monies being taken from DPW equipment reserve and line item A5110.2 equipment (small) respectively.

3. Fire Department – Fire Chief Wayne Butterworth

Updated the VB on business.

4. Police Department – Chief Roger Masse - absent

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Poylo, all in favor appointing Travis Rinaldi to the Athens Police Department as a part-time Police Officer.

Two officers can be removed from the police roster.

5. Code Enforcement – Jeff Ruso

Letters of enforcement went out today.

Presently looking at the Airbnb enforcement while reviewing the law and re-working it.

6. Water/Sewer – Seth Mann

Provided the Monthly report on WWTP and WFP.

I&I and non-compliance issues were discussed again.

It was noted that there are many other municipalities with this problem due to aging infrastructure.

Sump pump issue was discussed again. Residents will receive notices that DPW will start to conduct evaluations of where roof drains and sump pumps are directed. Project will start late summer/early fall.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Facility use application- Athens Riverfront Park. Applicant: Athens Sportsman's Club
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Gabrielle, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving use of the park as requested.
2. Facility use application – Athens Riverfront Park. Applicant: Marya Warshaw/Athens Pride. TABLED until next meeting as the applicants wanted to be present.
3. Facility use application- Gym. Applicant: Elizabeth Bruning
Tabled until next meeting. Need start and end dates.
4. Facility use application- Athens Riverfront Park/Ferry Slip. Applicant: Athens Paddock Club
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Gabrielle, seconded by Trustee Lipsman, all in favor, approving use of the park as requested.
5. Permit to Peddle application. Applicant: The Weiner Wagon.
Discussion ensued regarding having vendors in the park and Community fundraisers in the park, etc. Will revisit.
6. SEWER connection application and WATER connection Application. Applicant: Peter Curtis and Catherine Litke
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Gabrielle, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving application with the stipulation that DPW Directory Anthony Proper decide the proper/correct way to tie into the municipal line as this is a private road.
7. Application for membership to the Athens Volunteer Fire Department. Applicant: Vincent Cleveland.
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving application as submitted
8. Facility use application- Athens Riverfront Park. Applicant: Greene County Cruisers
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Gabrielle, seconded by Trustee Poylo, all in favor approving application as requested.
9. Facility use application – Athens Riverfront Park. Applicant: Congressman Antonio DelGado.
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving application as submitted.

RESOLUTIONS:

1) Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on May 26, 2021 be approved:

Offered by:	Trustee Poylo
Seconded by:	Trustee Gabrielle
Record of vote:	All in favor

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

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

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #2061, vouchers numbered #9920749 through #9920765 in the amount of \$14,460.04

WATER FUND – Abstract #10503, vouchers numbered #9920766 through #9920772 in the amount of \$3,149.30

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10487, vouchers numbered #9920773 through #9920779 in the amount of \$4,138.37

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

3) Proposed Resolution Accepting Sargent Tercasio's Retirement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the VB accept the Retirement of Ed Tercasio effective June 28, 2021

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

4) Proposed Resolution Appointing Ed Tercasio as Police Officer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the VB Appoint Sargent Ed Tercasio effective June 30, 2021 in the capacity as his previous employment with the Village of Athens:

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

5) Proposed Resolution Approving Local Law #6 of the Village of Athens

WHEREAS the Village of Athens held a public hearing for proposed local law #6 on May 26, 2021 therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the VB approve Local Law #6 of the Village of Athens thereby repealing Local Law #4 overriding the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c:

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

6) Proposed Resolution Approving lawn care for 1 Maple Lane

WHEREAS the property lot at 1 Maple Lane has been a continual problem as far as lawn/weed care and has been a source of several complaints/concerns and the village has contracted with a lawn care professional (Flats Brothers) to maintain village properties for the season,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes Flat's Brothers to take over the property maintenance of 1 Maple Lane on a regular basis for the growing season and the property owner will be invoiced for services rendered and paid for by the village:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Ann Myers. Re: Resignation – LWRP

2. Greene County Legislature. Re: Greene County Broadband Project
3. Peckham Industries, Inc. Re: Application for Site Plan Review/Town of Athens Planning Board Public Hearing
4. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting & the Environment. Re: Case 17-F-0619 Ruling Memorializing Briefing Schedule.
5. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting & the Environment. Re: Case 17-F-0619 Ruling Admitting Evidence.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recreation Program – Director interviews
2. BOA Grant

OLD BUSINESS:

1. AWQR – post on village website

Village Board agreed to set the date for Athens Village wide yard sale day as August 28, 2021, rain-date August 29, 2021.

VB grants permission for use of Little League field to Sarah Apa on June 19th, 2021 for little league business.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30PM

MOTION made by Trustee Gabrielle, all in favor