

VILLAGE OF ATHENS
MINUTES- MAY 25, 2022

Meeting held at the Athens Firehouse, 39 Third Street at 6:30PM

PRESENT: Mayor Amy Serrago, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Nancy Poylo, Trustee Josh Lipsman (remotely) and Trustee Robert Scott
Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.
Clerk-Treasurer Mary Jo Wynne was in attendance for the purpose of taking Minutes.

Pledge to the Flag

The Mayor swore in both Officer Charles Cole and Officer Jeff Ruso to the position of Sergeant for the Village of Athens Police Department.

PUBLIC:

1. Jeremy Bloom- Director of the Athens Cultural Center, was introduced by Cultural Center member Ellen Roth.
2. Jason Preisner- Lamont Engineering, attended the meeting to update the VB on some of the projects he has been working on in the village.
 - I&I throughout the village – Lamont engineering has been overseeing the smoke testing of sewer lines and is in the process of televising the sewer lines as well. He provided a map of the sewer lines throughout the village. He noted that Vernon Street, Route 385 and Second Street are in the worst shape.
 - NYSDEC - the village should have received a letter from NYSDEC requiring that a flow management plan be submitted to their agency due to the high I&I inflow before the end of August. He is working on that now.
 - ARPA funding - The Mayor noted that the village's request to the County to pay the full cost of re-lining the sewer lines in the village was rejected. However, they will be giving the Village \$100,000.00. The Mayor asked Mr. Preisner which sewer lines should receive priority for relining? Mr. Preisner replied 'Second Street'.
 - Community Center building – study. Since the application to Delgado's office to fund this project was rejected the Mayor asked that Mr. Preisner look into other funding opportunities.
 - Community Center building – Clerk's office. Mr. Preisner stated that he was working on the heat/cooling pumps.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Facility use application: Street closing. Applicant: Athens Cultural Center. A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Poylo, all in favor approving application as submitted.
2. Facility use application: Billboard area on Route 385. Applicant: Athens Cultural Center.
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Poylo, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving application as submitted.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Poylo, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving the movie night scheduled for 6/9/22 be moved to 6/12/22.

3. Facility use application: Riverfront Park. Applicant: D.R. Evarts Library

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Poylo, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving application as submitted.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers as Presented on Abstracts

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

Offered by: Trustee Scott

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of Vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve minutes from meetings held on April 27th and May 11th, 2022

Offered by: Trustee Poylo

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of Vote: All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Sleepy Hollow Lake. Re: 50th Anniversary Celebration.
2. Rick Rabideau PH.D. Re: Follow-up letter
3. Greene County Legislator Patrick S. Linger. Re: PILOT Resolution – alternative energy sources.
4. Greene County Office of the Administrator. Re: Status of all requests – ARPA
5. Office of the State Comptroller. Re: Justice Court Fund – Distribution Statement.
6. Athens Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – Re: Elected officers
7. NYSDOT. RE: CHIPS funding.
8. NYS Office of the State Comptroller. Re: Tax Cap Review.

BUSINESS:

1. Approval for Athens Sportsman's club to sell beer and wine at the Street Festival.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, Seconded by Trustee Poylo, all in favor, granting approval for the Athens sportman's club to sell beer and wine at the Street Festival. Clerk was instructed to write letter stating as such and send to Mr. Cameron.

2. The Contract from EAP Services of the Mid-Hudson Valley has been updated with the Mayor's name – needs signature.

3. Riverfront Park – wifi quote #1003 Greene Computer Sales and Service.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving proposal for the installation of wifi at the Riverfront Park

4. Schedule a Public Hearing to repeal Local Law #1 of 2022 repealing the tax cap override.
5. Discuss the proposed Tree Law.

The VB decided to discuss the proposed tree law at June 22nd VB meeting.

The VB discussed the state of the mulch pile behind the Firehouse. As has happened in the past the area is being overrun with large amounts of yard debris and also some abuse with substances that are not yard rubbish.

As a result of this discussion, the VB has determined to close it down temporarily on June 1st, 2022. DPW will look into contracting someone to mulch the pile and after that is complete it will be re-opened.

Air quality study for the community center building has been completed. Official report is forthcoming.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Poylo, all in favor, to enter into Executive Session at 8:15 PM to discuss litigation and personnel.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Poylo, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to exit Executive Session and resume regular work meeting at 9:01PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to adjourn VB meeting at 9:02PM