

VILLAGE OF ATHENS

MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2022

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

Pledge to the Flag

PRESENT: Mayor Amy Serrago, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Robert Scott

ABSENT: Trustee Josh Lipsman

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was present until 7:00PM.

Clerk-Treasurer Mary Jo Wynne was present for the purpose of taking minutes.

Mayor Serrago announced that she has received a resignation letter from Trustee Nancy Poylo. The Mayor thanked Ms. Poylo for her hard work and dedication- she will be missed.

Mayor Serrago announced the appointment of former Mayor Stephan Bradicich to fill the position of Trustee left vacant by Trustee Nancy Poylo.

The Mayor made the following changes to the list of Committee Appointments due to the change in Village Board members:

Trustee Bradicich –	Buildings and grounds & DPW
Trustee Lasher -	Street Festival
Trustee Scott-	Youth/recreation
Mayor Serrago-	Social media

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Water and Sewer – Joe Myers

Provided report.

2. DPW- Anthony Proper

The trash cans at the Riverfront Park are in bad shape. Mr. Proper would like to purchase larger ones and has priced the 45-gallon size cans to replace those we have. Cost is approximately \$2600.00

Mayor Serrago noted that she would like to look and see what is available and then she will get back to him shortly.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, authorizing DPW to spend up to \$3,000.00 for the purchase of new trash cans for Riverfront Park.

The sewer line TV inspection is completed.

Paving of Union Street is a problem due to the results of the sewer line TV inspection.

The Catch basin by Sleepy Hollow is fixed

3. AVFD- Wayne Butterworth

Three new applicants for the AVFD-restricted active members are in attendance looking for approval (applications follow)

4. APD- Chief Masse - no show

5. Code Enforcement – Sergeant Jeff Ruso (police also)

Discussion ensued regarding property owners not mowing their lawns.

A warning letter should be issued by Code Enforcement and then, if not mowed, Flats brothers will be notified to mow and then the property owner will be billed for the amount. If they do not pay, it will be put on their taxes.

Discussion of invoice/voucher for safety vests from Federal Eastern International for \$4048.00 was discussed at length.

The Clerk-Treasurer noted that the invoices/voucher was received in the office the end of May while the date of the invoice/voucher is February and March. Per procurement policy -was there authorization made prior to purchase?

Also, the purchase was made in the prior fiscal year and we are now paying it out of our new fiscal year budget with no plan for this purchase in the budget. Equipment line item will be very tight this year.

Sergeant Ruso stated that there is a grant program that has been used previously that will pay half the cost once the check has been issued and they receive proof of payment.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor authorizing payment to Federal Eastern for \$4048.00

APPLICATIONS:

1. Facility use application: Riverside Park. Applicant: Misael Urrutia – Stella’s. A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor approving application as submitted.

2. Athens Volunteer Fire Department- Restricted Active Member Applications. A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Bradicich, all in favor approving application as submitted.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve Minutes from Meeting held on May 25, 2022:

Offered by: Trustee Scott

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of Vote: All in favor

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

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

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #2099, vouchers numbered #9921693 through #9921717 and vouchers numbered #9921723 and #9921724 in the amount of \$191,341.34

WATER FUND – Abstract #10528, voucher number #9921722 in the amount of \$1093.25

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10512, vouchers numbered #9921718 through #9921721 in the amount of \$352.47

Offered by: Trustee Scott

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of Vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Approving waiving 30-day wait period for liquor license

WHEREAS, the VB has been notified that a liquor license has been applied for by Seven on Second, Inc. in the village of Athens and,

WHEREAS, the office of Glen F. Kubista & Associates has asked that the Village Board waive the 30-day wait period required by the NYS Liquor Authority,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve waiving the 30-day wait period and submit a letter acknowledging this fact to the NYS Liquor Authority:

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of Vote: All in favor

4. Proposed Resolution Approving the use of monies from Municipal Building Renovation Fund

BE IT RESOLVED that the VB approve using monies in the amount of \$22,956.92 from the Municipal building reserve fund to pay for the invoice received from ALL PHASE to make emergency repairs to the chimney at the Community Center building:

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of Vote: All in favor

5. Proposed Resolution approving use of monies From Riverfront Park Fund

BE IT RESOLVED that the VB approve using monies in the amount of \$1169.99 from the Waterfront Park reserve fund to pay for the installation of wifi at Riverfront Park.

Offered by: Trustee Scott

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of Vote: All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Glen F. Kubista & Associates. Re: Seven on Second, Inc. liquor license – request to waive 30 day hold as mandated by the State Liquor Authority
2. NYSDOT. Re: POP program (pave out potholes)
3. NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Re: 29th Annual NY RedLeaf Conference
4. Carrol A. Mercer, Hands and Hearts Mission. Re: Request to dock
5. NYSDOL- Bureau of Public Work. Re: guide and contact info

BUSINESS:

1. Athens Yard Sale Day – August 27, 2022. Weekend prior to Labor day

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Bradicich, all in favor approving Yard Sale Date of August 27th, 2022.

2. Public Hearing for the repeal of the tax cap override will be scheduled for June 22, 2022
3. Discussion of tree law will be on June 22, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45PM

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Bradicich, all in favor