

**VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – July 13, 2022**

Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Serrago, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Josh Lipsman, Trustee Rob Scott and Trustee Stephan Bradicich.

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea attended.

Clerk-Treasurer Mary Jo Wynne was also in attendance for the purpose of taking minutes.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Water & Sewer – Joe Myers- Northdome

Discussed Lamont Engineering study of the water and sewer system.

Also discussed leaks in the village and the leak detection study.

A **MOTION** was made by trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lipsman, all in favor, approving up to \$9000.00 for a leak detection study to be completed by NY Leak Detection of Syracuse.

The Mayor noted that the Village DPW should continue to work on leaks that we are aware of while awaiting for the leak detection study.

2. DPW – Anthony Proper

Provided the VB with a list of the roads they wish to pave since they are unable to complete Union Street due to the bad underground sewer lines.

A. Colarusso & Son, Inc, is the vendor under state bid prices and the total cost of the project is \$260,029.00

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to accept the proposal from A. Colarusso & Son, Inc. for \$260,029.00 to pave the streets named on the list provided by DPW.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor, approving repairs to the International dumptruck floor for a cost of \$2850.00 work to be completed by J&R Fabricators.

3. Athens Volunteer Fire Department- Chief Wayne Butterworth

New restricted member (under applications).

The second applicant for active member was not present.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Lipsman, all in favor, to order new radios at a cost of \$8334.00 for the new fire truck from BearCom. The goods will not be available until next fiscal year.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor, to approve the purchase of a new stokes basket for a cost of \$1533.36 from Garrison Fire and Rescue.

4. Athens Police Department – Chief Roger Masse

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to purchase mounts for tablets to be placed in their vehicles at a cost of \$3459.99.

5. Code Enforcement – Sergeant Tercasio

Trustee Lipsman inquired about his complaint regarding shrubs/bushes on the corner of Third and Washington St.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Facility Use Application- Riverfront Park. Applicant: St. Patrick’s Church- Athens – sell sandwiches during concert in the park-fundraiser
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving the application as submitted.
2. Facility Use Application – Riverfront Park. Applicant: Virginia Dykeman-graduation party 12-3PM
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Bradicich, all in favor approving the application as submitted.
3. Facility Use Application – Street block closed from Chatham to Wayne Street. Applicant: Home Sweet Home of Athens
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving the application as submitted.
4. Permit to Peddle- AVFD. APAC concert nights 7/15, 7/29, 8/5, 8/19 and 8/26 – sell refreshments
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lipsman, all in favor approving the application as submitted.
5. AVFD membership application. A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lipsman, all in favor approving application as submitted.
6. AVFD restricted active member application Chief states not necessary for VB approval.
Mayor says thank you.
7. Facility Use Application- Riverfront Park. Applicant: Church St. food truck. Application denied – it is a profit making vendor which are not allowed at APAC performances.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the Village Board meeting held on June 22nd, 2022 be approved:

Offered by:
Seconded by:
Record of vote:

Tabled

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

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

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #2101, vouchers numbered #9921772 through #9921807 in the amount of \$25,615.03

WATER FUND – Abstract #10529, vouchers numbered #9921765 through #9921771 in the amount of \$10,455.05

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10514, vouchers numbered #9921756 through #9921764 in the amount of \$5,585.51

Offered by: Trustee Scott
Seconded by: Trustee Bradicich
Record of vote: All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NYSOSC Justice Court Fund. Distribution Summary-April 2022

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of I&I data from Lamont Engineering (discussed as part of Department Heads).

Trustee Scott gave the VB an update on the Recreation program.

Trustee Lasher inquired about the '2 hour parking' sign on Second Street. Is it necessary or can we remove it?

Attorney will review.

Discussion of the Village's Street Festival Account ensued.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lipsman, all in favor agreeing to passing the attached **RESOLUTION**, Subject to permissive referendum, authorizing that funds remaining in the Village's Street Festival Account (PN account) be transferred so that they may be accessed by the St. festival committee.

New fee schedule given to VB by Code enforcement – will review at next meeting.

Trustee Lipsman noted that a new committee has been formed in the village to advocate and explore grant opportunities for those with disabilities.

Trustee Lipsman also noted that there is a Public hearing for the Town of Athens on Monday at 7:00pm At the Firehouse.

The RESTORE NY grant was discussed

The Mayor discussed the fact that there is a new ferry captain that will provide transport back and forth to Hudson and perhaps Catskill. They will also provide sightseeing tours

The Mayor also informed the Village Board that in regard to the Air Quality study, there are items from their list of remediations that the DPW may be able to complete.

Mayor Serrago also reminded everyone that there will also be a joint meeting of the Village and the Town of Athens on July 20th at 6:30PM in the Firehouse.

OLD BUSINESS:

Garbage cans in the park

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor to enter into Executive Session at 8:05PM to discuss personnel issues.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Lipsman, all in favor to exit Executive Session at 8:56PM and resume the regular work meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor at 8:57PM

VILLAGE OF ATHENS
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE
REFERENDUM, PROPOSING TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE EXISTING SPECIAL
EXPENSE FUND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Board of the Village of Athens, Greene County, New York at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 13th day of July 2022 duly adopted a resolution subject to a permissive referendum, the purpose and effect of which is to cause the Village to take and transfer funds from the existing Special Expense Fund in the approximate amount of \$1,035.00 (One Thousand and Thirty Five Dollars).

RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the foregoing resolution shall become effective without action of the Village Board on the 13th day of August in the year 2022 unless a petition requesting that a Referendum thereon be submitted to the voters in the manner required by law.

By order of the Village Board
Of the Village of Athens
M. Wynne, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Dated: July 18, 2022