

VILLAGE OF ATHENS

AGENDA – October 12, 2022

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Water & Sewer – Joe Myers- Northdome
2. DPW- Christopher Sprague
3. Athens Volunteer Fire Department- Chief Wayne Butterworth
4. Athens Police Department – Chief Roger Masse
5. Code Enforcement – Sergeant Tercasio

APPLICATIONS:

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the Village Board meeting held on September 24, 2022 be approved:

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of vote:

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:

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of vote:

3. Proposed Resolution Approving the support of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Bond Act of 2022(See Attached)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves supporting the Clean Water, Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Bond Act of 2022

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of Vote:

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Athens Climate Summary

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Resolution supporting the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

Whereas, providing clean drinking water and protecting our local rivers, bays, lakes, streams and waterfronts from pollution is paramount to quality of life in New York State and the Village of Athens; and

Whereas, modernizing water infrastructure will safeguard clean water, reduce flooding, reduce lead exposure and other public health threats, and create jobs; and

Whereas, the Village of Athens is vulnerable to extreme weather including deadly heat from rising temperatures and flooding from severe storms that put people, properties and public assets across the County at risk; and

Whereas, upgrading transportation and stormwater infrastructure, restoring natural resources, growing urban forests, building green roofs and upgrading cooling centers will reduce the impact of extreme weather, saving lives and money; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the importance of outdoor recreation and access to fresh, local food, as people flocked to local parks and sought out healthy foods for their families; and

Whereas, upgrades to facilities at state and local parks and preserves and the creation of new outdoor recreational areas will benefit our region by protecting wildlife habitat, providing more people access to nature, and creating jobs in the outdoor recreation economy; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would authorize the four billion and two hundred million dollars of bonds to finance critical environmental restoration, clean water, and infrastructure projects across New York State; and

Whereas, the funds would be targeted towards protecting clean water, reducing flood risk, restoring natural resources, protecting open space and farmland, and reducing the pollution that causes climate change; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 includes strong labor provisions and will support more than 84,000 family-sustaining jobs for New Yorkers; and

Whereas, the New York Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 (CLCPA) centers environmental and climate justice and requires that New York State climate action must not disproportionately burden disadvantaged communities, must prioritize co-pollutants and emissions reductions in disadvantaged communities, and at least 35% with a goal of 40% of New York State climate spending must benefit such communities; and

Whereas, the Village of Athens affirms the goals of the CLCPA and the importance of climate and environmental justice including the development of thriving, healthy and resilient communities for all residents while centering the leadership and lived experience of frontline communities who are most impacted by historical disinvestment, environmental burden and climate vulnerability; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would enable New York State and the Village of Athens to address pollution, climate and public health threats in disadvantaged communities by directing that at least 35% with a goal of 40% of the measure's funding benefit such communities; and

Whereas, the Village of Athens affirms the importance of engaging and educating diverse communities and stakeholders, including disadvantaged communities, in the planning and budgeting of the environmental projects and initiatives that will impact them; and

Whereas, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 was passed by the New York State Legislature as part of the 2022-23 New York State Budget and will appear on the November 8, 2022, New York State General Election Ballot for voter approval; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Village Board of the Village of Athens supports passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.