

Village of Athens Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

Present: Mayor Serrago, Trustee Lasher, Trustee Scott, Trustee Lipsman.

Absent: Trustee Bradicich

Meeting began with the pledge at 6:33pm

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Water and Sewer- Joe Myers

Joe said that compliance is good. The part ordered for the filter system has no tracking available. He said that Stephanie from DOH is looking for some information and he will keep everyone posted. He said that the water flow is up and the sewer flow is down which is good right now. He said that the pumps at the plant were giving them some problems. He said there have been no alarm calls and the Sensaphone has been working. He said he is gaining confidence back. He also said he assisted the DPW on 385 with the incident that happened.

Trustee Lipsman asked if that was the ELCO testing.

Mayor Serrago said that there was a communication breakdown and the proper protocol for scheduling was not followed.

Trustee Lipsman asked if one of our Crew were there.

Mayor Serrago said that it was a communication breakdown.

Trustee Lipsman said it sounds like you are reluctant to say.

Mayor Serrago said they did not do it the way they were supposed to. She said she did not want to demonize a public business. She said that Code came after the incident happened and the DPW prioritized a water break. She said it was not permitted or scheduled, but it known about. She said that CODE called her and that DPW planned to be on site. She said they were dealing with the water break and were short staffed. She said she reached out to Tal and Code because she was not sure about what happened. She said it needed to be scheduled with the office and approved by the board. She said that for now on protocol would need to be

followed. She said the people did not follow what was to be done. She said it was a series of unfortunate events. Mistakes will not be made again. Joe Myers did water samples on Friday and they came out clean. Mayor Serrago also said she was going to make a mailbox t have residents make out water complains, but Dawn said to just have them call. Mayor Serrago also asked if they could get rid of water restrictions.

Joe Myers said to leave the restriction on for now.

DPW-Wayne Butterworth

Wayne discussed the new trash cans and said they took down 1 of the 6 trees with the Towns help. He said that they helped a resident with branches over their garage. He also said that he and Anthony will tackle more water leaks on Warren Street. He said that the new guy is good and jumps right in and that he has mechanical skills. He said they need to schedule fire hydrant installation.

AVFD-Wayne Butterworth

Wayne said that the production of the truck was coming along.

Mayor Serrago said she went over the draft with Michelle Kennedy to pass the bond.

APD- Roger Masse (absent)

Trustee Lasher said that Roger said it has been a slow month. She said that equipment has been installed in the cars.

Code- Ed Tercasio and Jeff Ruso (absent)

Mayor Serrago asked if everyone saw the report.

Trustee Lasher said that the fee schedules needed to be finalized.

Mayor Serrago said that code enforcement looked at examples from Catskill and that is what they would like to use, Tal would need to approve and we can finalize at the next meeting. She also said the code report looked pretty standard for the month. She also said a bill was issued for a property owner whose garbage had to be cleaned up.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Outdoor Entertainment Permit-Hayride and use of the Riverfront Park

Applicant: P.Paul Lighthouse Church-October 29, 2022

Offered by Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of Vote: All were in favor

2. Facility Use Application-Gym and Museum, Victorian Stroll. Applicant: Athens Cultural Center.

Offered by Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Lipsman

Record of Vote: All were in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes from the Village Board Meeting held on August 24, 2022, be approved. Approved upon correction to be made changing the amount of the cost of computers going into the police vehicles.

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of Vote: all were in favor

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

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

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: trustee Scott

Record of Vote: All were in favor

Correspondence:

1. NYS Office of the State Comptroller. Re: Justice Court Fund-Distribution summary \$70.00 was received.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Memorandum of Understanding-Greene County DOHS and the Athens – follow up as both signatures are due.

2. Building permit fee schedule- Mayor Serrago brought the old one to compare with the other municipalities. She said overall the cost of everything would be going up. She asked if there were any concerns or issues. Trustee Lipsman said he appreciates the work that went into this, as it was a lot of work.

A **RESOLUTION** was made to accept the new fee schedule as shown

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of Vote: all were in favor

3. Restore NY Grant update- There was a discussion on who was interested in helping put this together as Scenic Hudson is interested in this. It was discussed that the village would need to put in \$1,000.00 dollars toward the architect that will work with Columbia Greene Community College and River related groups. Scenic Hudson will be putting in \$4000.00. The grant recipient has to be a municipality. There would need to be a public hearing on this before the 21st as the app is due by October 11th.

A **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditure of \$1000.00 toward the architect working on the grant for the Restore NY

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by; Trustee Lasher

Record of Vote: all were in favor.

End of the written agenda.

Trustee Lasher- nothing for this evening all set

Trustee Scott- nothing for this evening all set.

Mayor Serrago said that the clerks should get a hold of ALL PHASE for yearly maintenance. She also said that 3 flooring companies would be here to look at the floors this week. She said that the Hazard Mitigation work has been completed. She also said that Jason said that we need to have a specific company do the mold work at the building and have a plan, so the gym can be used. She also said that

the Police Committee has 4 applicants, but this probably will not materialize until October.

The next meeting will be 9/21/22.

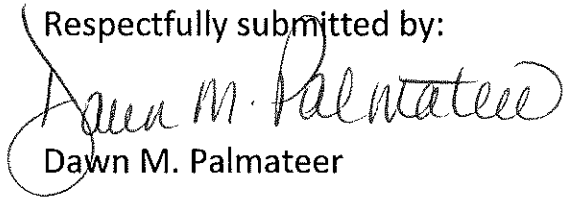
A **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of Vote: all were in favor

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn M. Palmateer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dawn M. Palmateer