

VILLAGE OF ATHENS

MINUTES - DECEMBER 13, 2023

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Gail Lasher, Trustee Rob Scott and Trustee Josh Lipsman

ABSENT: Mayor Amy Serrago and Trustee Alison Phoenix

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Northdome-Joe Myers – no show
2. DPW-Chris Sprague
 - Completed the project on Union Street
 - He will be attending classes this week for his water certification.
 - Dealing with tree complaints made by residents.
3. Fire Department-Chief Wayne Butterworth
4. Police Department-Jeff Ruso
5. Code Enforcement- Jeff Ruso

APPLICATION:

1. Athens Volunteer Fire Department. Applicant: John Kunz. A MOTION was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor, approving the application as submitted.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes from Village Board Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board approve the Minutes from the Village Board Meeting held on November 8th, 2023:

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of vote: Deputy Mayor Lasher votes aye

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- Abstract #2162 vouchers numbered #9922864 through #9922908 in the amount of \$60,992.31

WATER – Abstract #10564, vouchers numbered #9922915 through #9922928 in the amount of \$29,246.77

SEWER- Abstract #10544, vouchers numbered #9922909 through #9922914

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by: Trustee Scott

Record of vote: Deputy Mayor Lasher votes aye

3. Proposed Resolution Approving Village Elections

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve the Village of Athens Election to be held on March 19, 2023 and the offices of Trustee (2) are to be filled:

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman
Seconded by: Trustee Scott
Record of vote: Deputy Mayor Lasher votes aye

4. Proposed Resolution Approving Street Name

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board approve the street name 'Wooshy Woods' at the location specified on the Greene County map and application which is located as a private drive off the west side of Schoharie Tpk.

Offered by: Trustee Scott
Seconded by: Trustee Lipsman
Record of vote: Deputy Mayor Lasher votes aye

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Greene County Real Property Tax Service. Re: Senior Citizen & Disabled Tax Exemption Maximum Income Limits.
VB is interested in scheduling a PH for the second meeting in January.
2. NYS DOH. Re: Notification of renewal of Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics.
3. Town of Athens Planning Board. Re: Public Hearing Notice
4. County Administrator Shaun S. Groden. Re: Countywide Ambulatory System
5. Greene County Youth Bureau Funding. Re: RFP

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Lipsman informed the VB that the Village has received \$5,000.00 in grant money from Hudson River Valley Greenway as the match for the Scenic Hudson \$10,000.00 design grant. Trustee Lipsman would like the village to pay \$900.00 to Green Bee Housing (Cornwalville) to help in the design process. The Grant application is due January 31, 2024.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Scott, all in favor, to pay Green Bee Housing \$900.00 with money from the engineering line item from the budget (A1420.1).

Environmental Facilities Corporation has just announced today that the Village has been awarded two NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grants:

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project No. C4-5430-04-00- \$288,984.00 for I&I drainage project

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project No. 19506 – \$798,803.00 for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project

ADJOURNMENT 7:15PM by Scott, Lipsman all in favor.