

ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES- APRIL 10, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Amy Serrago, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Josh Lipsman, Trustee Alison Phoenix and Trustee Joey Dillberg

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea participated remotely.

Clerk-Treasurer Mary Jo Wynne also attended the meeting for the purpose of taking Minutes.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Northdome-Joe Myers
 - Provided monthly reports to the VB for activity at the WFP and the WWTP's.
 - Thanked the Village of Coxsackie for their help in the emergency water break that occurred while the DPW was installing fire hydrants in the village.
 - He would like to schedule hydrant flushing for the week of April 22nd.
2. DPW-Chris Sprague
 - Updated the VB on the water break. The Mayor thanked the DPW for their hard work on this incident.
 - Discussed paving Second Street and Brick Row this upcoming year
3. Fire Department-Chief Wayne Butterworth
 - Discussed purchasing a 'chief's vehicle' in the coming year. He wants it and would like the VB to put money in the budget this upcoming year.
4. Police Department-Chief Roger Masse (no show)
5. Code Enforcement- Ed Tercasio (police) and Jeff Ruso (code)
 - Working on the STR's
 - They want more money for salaries in the upcoming year

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving required email addresses (previously tabled)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve requiring that all elected, appointed officials and employees of the village use the village issued email addresses (RESOLUTION attached):

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Dillberg

Record of vote:

Trustee Lipsman votes no

Trustee Phoenix votes aye

Mayor votes aye

RESOLUTION passes

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve minutes from meeting held on March 27th, 2024 and April 3rd, 2024:

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Lipsman
Record of vote: All in favor

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approve the payment of the following vouchers:
GENERAL – Abstract #2174, vouchers numbered #9923165 through 9923181 in the amount of \$22,762.12

WATER – Abstract #10571, vouchers numbered #9923182 through #9923188 in the amount of \$28,766.96

SEWER – Abstract #10551, vouchers numbered #9923191 through #9923197 in the amount of \$23,693.77

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman
Seconded by: Trustee Dillberg
Record of vote: All in favor

OTHER BUSINESS:

Budget discussion and workshop

ADJOURNMENT

7:35 PM

A Motion was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Dillberg, All in favor

VILLAGE OF ATHENS
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION
REQUIRING ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO USE VILLAGE
ISSUED EMAIL ADDRESSES
April 3, 2024

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens Board of Trustees has established a Village-owned email system to allow elected and appointed officials and employees the ease with which to communicate in a modern, effective and cyber-safe manner; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Village's insurance carrier, the Village's IT consultant and the Attorney for the Village, has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village government, its residents and businesses that elected and appointed officials and all employees be required to exclusively use the Village-issued email address and system for all Village related business and that no other adjunct or forwarding mechanism or email address be utilized for Village business, in order to protect against cyber-attacks, fraud, insurance claims and litigation/FOIL/discovery of personal emails.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, Village employees shall be required to exclusively use the Village-issued email address and system for all Village related business and that no other adjunct or forwarding mechanism or email address be utilized for Village business; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any elected or appointed official who has been issued a village email address and is currently using any email address or system for Village related business other than the village-issued email cease such usage and exclusively use only the Village issued email address and system, and be it further

RESOLVED, that violations of this policy and these guidelines will be investigated by the Village, and corrective action, including any discipline that may be appropriate, will be taken.