

MINUTES – ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

JULY 24, 2024

Village Board meeting held at 6:00PM in the Village Clerk's Office.

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

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

Clerk-Treasurer Mary Jo Wynne was present for the purpose of recording Minutes.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC:

1. *Jennifer Mosher, resident of N. Vernon Street*, attended the VB meeting to discuss her water and sewer bill. She stated that she believes that she has been overcharged for water and sewer in that her building is not a multiple unit dwelling and is being charged for 2 units. She stated that it is a single unit dwelling.

Discussion ensued regarding billing and the VB agreed to refund her for the past year's double water and sewer bills.

2. *Nancy Poylo, village resident*, attended the meeting to inform the village board that the outdoor seating at Night School Brewery is not working. People have a problem walking through the tables set up outside because of dogs lying on the sidewalk in the right of way.

Mayor Serrago noted that the seating is a little problematic. In the diagram that the VB approved it looked like it could work but clearly it is not. The owners need to be a little more vigilant about how patrons block the sidewalk. They shouldn't be obstructing pedestrian traffic on the sidewalks.

The owner of Night School, who was also in attendance said that he would be sure to do that.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Facility Use Application- Community Center gym. Applicant: DR Evarts Library.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Dillberg, all in favor approving application as submitted.

2. Facility Use Application- Community Center – parking lot and entryway. Applicant: DR Evarts Library. (Approved prior to this meeting)

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, Seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving application as submitted.

3. Facility Use Application- Community Center. Applicant: DR Evarts Library.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Phoenix, all in favor approving the application as submitted.

4. Facility Use Application - Community Center. Applicant: DR Evarts Library.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving application as submitted.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes from Village Board Meeting

BE it Resolved, that the Village Board approve the Minutes from the Village Board meeting held on June 26th, 2024:

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers as Presented

BE it Resolved, the Village Board approve the payment of vouchers as presented on the vouchers:

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Phoenix

Record of vote: All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Greene County Administrator. Re: Resolution #61-10

2. NYSDOT. Re: CHIPS statement.

3. NYSLA. Re: Plan Image Hudson River Garden Foundation, LLC. Re: Intent to apply for a liquor license.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Lasher noted that the Athens Street Festival Committee will be purchasing a new sign for the Village's Municipal Parking Lot.

Trustee Lipsman gave an update from the CAC committee. The consultant for the habitat inventory will be making a site visit to Hollister Lake to complete the inventory.

Trustee Lipsman informed the VB of some tree permit request applications received. One request to remove a tree and another request to prune a tree and yet another to plant a tree.

Trustee Phoenix informed the VB that there have been complaints about the garbage in the Riverfront Park after the event held in the park by the Cultural Center and the APAC performance on Friday.

The Mayor asked the DPW if they can remove the handicapped sign in front of Home Sweet Home

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Phoenix, all in favor to enter into Executive Session at 8:04PM.

A MOTION was made to exit Executive Session by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Phoenix, all in favor and resume the regular VB meeting.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving the pruning of the tree as requested, work to be done by the DPW and also to allow the planting of the new tree at 16 S. Franklin St. Removal of the tree as requested will be held off until the results of the grant applied for are realized.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Phoenix, seconded by Trustee Lipsman to adjourn the meeting at 8:07PM