

Village of Athens Board Meeting—January 8, 2025

Present: Mayor Serrago, Trustee Lasher, Trustee Dillberg, Trustee Lipsman, and Trustee Phoenix

The meeting began at 6pm with the pledge.

DEPARTMENTS:

1. **Northdome- Joe Myers-** arrived later in the meeting. Joe said there is a small issue that will be fixed on Friday. He recommends that leak detection be done. He discussed the 3 carbon filters that need to be replaced and the grit pump. He said the grit pump can be repaired and he recommends that be done. He said the leak detection can be done for \$6450.00. Joe said it will be from Dogwood to the village, but not Schoharie. He said it would take 2 days.

A **MOTION** was made to do the leak detection for \$6450.00.

Offered by Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by: Trustee Dillberg

All were in favor.

There was discussion on the remediation of the reservoir and what the carbon would cost.

Mayor Serrago will check with Jason before moving ahead.

Joe believes the sewer flows are high because of the leak. Joe also said it was an uneventful month.

2. **DPW-Chris Sprague-** Chris spoke about the water leak at Wheat Street and Washington. He spoke about all the DPW has accomplished the last few weeks. He asked about the tree grant and if a portion could be used for a small bucket truck.

A discussion ensued about money from the grant to purchase equipment and if it would be allowed.

3. **AVFD-Wayne Butterworth-** Wayne asked if he could start purchasing items with the grant money he received. He mentioned the Fire Department received a matching grant for radios of \$2500.00. He also mentioned that physicals will be done by Urgentcare and if someone does not comply, they will be taken off the active list.

4. **APD- Roger Masse** absent-Jeff Russo present- The board looked over the report and had no questions

5. **Code Enforcement- Jeff Russo-** Jeff said that building permit applications have slowed down. He said inspections are still going on.

DPW Supervisor mentioned that when apartments are going in there should be meters going in each one.

Mayor Serrago said she met about water issues and ways to structure billing. She said there will be another meeting in a couple of weeks.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Residential Sewer Application: John Backis 11 Murphy Drive. A **MOTION** was made to allow Mr. Backis to install a sewer hookup.
Offered by: Trustee Lipsman
Seconded by: Trustee Dillberg
Record of vote: all were in favor.
2. Residential Water Application: Federated Church of Athens
A **MOTION** was made to allow the Federated Church to do a new water hookup.
Offered by: Trustee Dillberg
Seconded by: Trustee Phoenix
Record of Vote: All were in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes from Village Board Meeting held on December 11, 2024
Offered by: Trustee Lipsman
Seconded by: Trustee Dillberg
Record of vote: all were in favor
2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers as Presented on Abstracts
Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Lipsman
Record of vote: all were in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Greene County Resolution No. 506-24 Authorizing the relevy of unpaid Village taxes for the year 2024
2. Central Hudson: Routine Line Clearance

OLD BUSINESS: none

Alison Phoenix—nothing for this evening
Trustee Lipsman- nothing for this evening.
Trustee Dillberg-nothing for this evening

Trustee Lasher- She said with the Community Grant Foundation money the village is able to buy 2 new handicapped accessible tables and 4 AEDS. She also brought up that the Cultural Center would like storage behind the band stand.

There was a brief discussion about the storage, and it was decided to wait until next year. Mayor Serrago said that Ruso received an\$ 89,000.00 grant and would like to purchase 2 plate readers for \$3377.00

A **MOTION** was made to allow the purchase of 2 plate readers for \$3377.00

Offered by: Trustee Dillberg
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of vote: all were in favor

He then asked to purchase a spotlight for \$2000.00.
A **MOTION** was made to allow the purchase of a spotlight for \$2200.00
Offered by: Trustee Lipsman
Seconded by: Trustee phoenix
Record of vote: all were in favor

He then asked to purchase 11 radios for \$16500.00.
A **MOTION** was made to purchase radios at a cost of \$16500.00
Offered by: Trustee Lipsman
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of vote: all were in favor

It was brought to the boards attention that Mary Jo needed to be appointed to the part time position of Deputy Clerk as she transitions into retirement.
A **MOTION** was made to appoint Mary Jo to the position of Deputy Clerk.
Offered by: Trustee Lipsman
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of Vote: all were in favor

There was a discussion about the gym and rules that may need to be set. The application may need to be redone as well as the water/sewer application.

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Dillberg, all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Palmateer
Clerk