

Village of Athens Board Meeting

March 12, 2025

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

Pledge began the meeting at 6pm

Mayor Serrago announced that the Village has received the NY FORWARD GRANT

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Water and Sewer- Joe Myers- Joe said that the flows were up at the water plant. He said they are going to start working on the leak detection report. He said that he is working on maintenance of the filters and the AQWR. He said that sewer flows are also up. He let the board know he is working on some maintenance issues, and he mentioned that he was given a price of \$3000.00 for a new compressor as well as a price of \$1200.00 each for valves. He said that one more should be purchased as a spare. There was a conversation over sludge and who may take Trustee Lipman's spot for the Asset Management Plan. Joe said he would like the first flush of hydrants to be done early this year.
2. DPW-Chris Sprague- Chris gave a report of what DPW has accomplished in the past few weeks.
3. AVFD- Wayne Butterworth- Wayne said that the Greene County Legislator recently acknowledged two of our firefighters for the work they did during the Ulster County fires. He said that Antonio Fuente and Don Winegard went for a day or two to help out. Wayne also received two quotes for gear lockers. The quotes were \$3629.00 and \$3989.00.
Mayor Serrago said she would like to go with the quote from the local company. **A MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Phoenix to spend \$3989.22 to buy gear lockers for the AVFD. All were in favor.
4. APD- Chief Masse (absent) Sgt. Tercasio- Sgt. Tercasio gave the SRO report and said that Officer Place went to a conference in Saratoga.
5. Code Enforcement- Sgt. Tercasio- Sgt Tercasio said they have been busy with inspections and that the Church Street project could not do any work until the order on consent is signed. There was a conversation about putting up a garage for the police department. Sgt Tercasio said that the cameras ordered would be here by the end of the month.

Attorney Rappleyea had a conversation with the board about the sale of the Cultural Center.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Facility Use Application. Park. Applicant: Boulter/Apotas
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Dillberg for Boulter / Apotas to use the park on June 21st for a wedding, all were in favor.
2. Facility Use Application. Park. Applicant: Hudson Ferry Company
There was a discussion on possible dock fees.
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Lahser that the application be approved pending possible dock fees, all were in favor.
3. Facility Use Application. Park. Applicant: Nancy Poylo/ Athens Community Day.
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Dillberg that the use of the park be granted for Community Day, all were in favor.
4. Permit to Peddle. Applicant: Mr. Ding -A-Ling A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Phoenix, seconded by Trustee Dillberg to allow Mr. Ding-A-Ling to sell ice cream in the village, all were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes
BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes from the Village Board Meeting held on February 26, 2025, be approved:
Offered by: Trustee Dillberg
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
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 the payment of vouchers as presented:
Offered by: Trustee Phoenix
Seconded by; Trustee Dillberg
Record of Vote: all were in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Greene County Legislature- Motion to adopt Local Law#1
The board discussed the law and they believe they missed the deadline on this so they will have the Village Attorney put on the calendar for next January.
2. Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital/EAP
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Dillberg to sign the paperwork and pay the fee for the services offered by EAP, all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Revisit the Backis application/Chris Sprague to give an update
Chris said that Backis will need to pay \$1500.00 for the water as it was never paid.
He did a little research and spoke with the plumber and contractor.
2. Bills from the Puorro project- Chris said he dropped off a bill and they will be dropping off a check.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Serrago would like a public hearing to be set on March 26th for the parking law and the tentative budget.

Chris Sprague also said they have items to be auctioned thru Auctions International from the DPW, AVFD, and Police.

At the next meeting this will need to be declared surplus goods.

Trustee Lasher- She said she met with the Town Justice over the stairlift they would like to put in the building. She said that Jason said to do an outside one if possible.

Trustee Lasher and Mayor Serrago met with Supervisor Pirrone, Council Person Pine, Attorney McHugh, and Attorney Rappleyea to do a draft IMA on the building. There was a discussion over joint meetings and quarterly meetings. There may be a future public hearing in May.

Trustee Dillberg- had nothing for tonight

Trustee Lipsman- He said that the village is still getting the grant for the trees. He said public hearing may be good for public input. He said there should be a contract by May 1st. He also said that Good Energy wants to speak with the board about competitive pricing

Mayor Serrago presented a letter to support the Greene County Shelter. She said she would put onto letterhead and get everyone's signature that would like to sign.

Trustee Phoenix- nothing for tonight

Mayor Serrago said she met Becky Simms on the water rate evaluation. She said she will be at the meeting on the 26th. She also said she has been in contact with Senator

Hinchey who has sent a letter to DOT on our behalf for the paving of 385. She said the gym rules will need new app and she will have Yves help with that. She also said the ACC is moving along.

A **MOTION** was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm

Offered by: Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Palmateer

Village Clerk