

Village of Athens Board Meeting  
June 25, 2025

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Lasher, Trustee Phoenix, Trustee Dillberg, and Trustee Eastwick

**ABSENT:** Mayor Serrago

Meeting began with the pledge.

**PUBLIC:**

1. Kathy Jackson- Kathy spoke about the Athens Summer Recreation needing more monetary support. She said that Cairo and Coxsackie operate with a bigger budget than Athens. She said people donated this year so recreation could have specials. She spoke about the structure of recreation.

Trustee Phoenix told her the State requires us to operate this way or we will be considered a camp. She also said it is the director's job to put the program together as Kathy said Coxsackie would be doing more activities.

Kathy said it is the Boards responsibility to increase the money.

Trustee Dillberg said to get a group together to work on this.

Trustee Phoenix said that she and Trustee Dillberg will ask the County for money in the fall.

Deputy Mayor Lasher said we cannot promise anything, get a list of grants together and when they are due. She said it is the job of the Director to work with a budget and that the Village went over the tax cap this year.

Mike Pirrone said he received the \$200.00 donated to the village for recreation supplies.

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. Permit to Peddle-AVFD-To sell Hamburgers and hot dogs during Music in the Park 7/18/2025-9/5/2025

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Eastwick to allow the AVFD in the park to sell hamburgers and hot dogs, all were in favor.

2. Facility Use Application-Use of Park-7/11/2025-7/12/2025-Street Festival-Gail Lasher

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Phoenix to allow use of the park for the Street Festival, all were in favor.

3. Facility Use Application-Street Closure (Water to Warren Street) -7/12/2025- Gail Lasher

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Phoenix, seconded by Trustee Dillberg to allow the closure, all were in favor.

4. Outdoor Entertainment-Street Festival-Entertainment-7/12/2025-Gail Lasher

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Phoenix, seconded by Trustee Eastwick to allow the entertainment between the hours of 1pm-10pm, all were in favor.

5. Firework Permit-7/12/2025 –Street Festival- Gail Lasher

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Phoenix to allow the fireworks for the Street Festival, all were in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes from the Village Board Meeting June 11, 2025

Offered by: Trustee Dillberg

Seconded by: Trustee Phoenix

Record of vote: all were in favor

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payments of Vouchers as Presented on Abstracts

Offered by: Trustee Dillberg

Seconded by: Trustee Eastwick

Record of vote: all were in favor

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. CDPHP-2026 Proposed Premium Rate Change

Trustee Phoenix and Clerk Palmateer will look into options for 2026.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Insurance Claim –Denied Sewer Claim-

It was explained that the claim was denied as the equipment was not listed at an address on the policy. Village Attorney Rappeleyea asked that a copy of denial be sent to him as he may appeal.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Waterfront Park Reserve Info-Kaaterskill Electric –Resolution/Referendum

The resolution was done and the notice went in the paper.

2. Estimates for the install of alarm for the Village Office.

Deputy Mayor Lasher said to have the company that the village has an estimate from come to a meeting. The Village Attorney said we need 2 estimates, so the clerk will get another.

Trustee Phoenix- had nothing else for tonight.

Trustee Eastwick said she has had people approach her about hedges being too tall-she was told to have them contact code enforcement.

Deputy Mayor Lasher said that the Stewart barn needs to be taken care of.

Trustee Dillberg brought up a green bus that has been moving and parking around the village.

Sgt. Mirando said she has been looked into because someone was concerned about the welfare of animals on the bus. He said there isn't much that can be done.

Mayor Lasher said there will be a public workshop for NYFORWARD at 6pm tomorrow. She said Mayor Serrago will not be there, but she, Trustee Dillberg, Stephan Bradicich and Andrea Smallwood will be attending to go over water stuff. She said it will begin at the Cultural Center.

There was a discussion about the boardwalk being dangerous, it is sinking and has a hole. Deputy Mayor Lasher said it needed to be fixed for the Street Festival. Trustee Dillberg also said there is an issue with the Kayak Launch. Trustee Dillberg said he will get with Chris about a joyce that needs to be repaired and replace some pressure treated wood.

Mike Pirrone asked to speak as he said the Town may be taking over the Senior Center building. He said right now he is talking with the Executive Director about the details. He is thinking it may be a permanent meeting area for the Town and the Village could use it too.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dawn M. Palmateer

Village Clerk