

Athens Village Board Meeting
July 9, 2025

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

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. **Northdome**-Joe Myers- Joe said they are flushing Constantine Court as there has been some stinky water. He said he will let the consumer dictate the next flush as it is summer and hopefully, we can make it to Aug or Sept. He said right now they are making more water because of the rain. He said the air blower is back and they will get it back in with the DPW's help. He also said he needs the DPW's help with pulling the backwash pump. The Fire Chief mentioned that the AVFD divers would like to get in there.

2. **DPW**-Chris Sprague- Chris said that the paving is complete. He said there were a few complaints as residents said we gave no notice. He said there was a little leftover and it was put by the DPW garage.

Trustee Dillberg said if there is anymore maybe we could run a driveway for the police for their building.

Chris said they worked on a leak by Peggy Pieruzzi's, there was a crack 4ft long in the pipe. There is now a new 4" line done with Glen Davis at Night School. He said there is a bad valve at Franklin and Market, and it's been bad for a while. He said they are tamping it a little bit every day. Chris mentioned he would like to replace 4 hydrants that are from the 1960's, he said he has contacted FW Webb about a quote and it's the same as last year, \$15,000.00. He said he will contact Glenn Davis too. He said they helped Catskill for 2 days with a leak and sewer collapse.

There was a discussion on water meters as they are aging and need updating.

Mayor Serrago said to have Tom from Badger come and speak with the board.

3. **AVFD**-Wayne Butterworth- Wayne said that at last month's meeting they discussed events. They are going to work on the Pumpkin Parade this year and have it the Sunday before Halloween.

4. **APD**- Roger Masse (absent) Bill Miranda gave Roger's report. He said kids are out and there are shenanigans, but the kids are over 21. He said they will be changing the schedule. He said the cameras work great and were worth every penny.

Mayor Serrago said the Village may need to look at their code on fireworks.

Trustee Lasher brought up about someone on a minibike with no helmet.

There was a brief discussion about e bikes and their classification and motor vehicle law.

Code Enforcement-Ed Tercasio(absent)- Bill Mirando gave the report

Trustee Lasher said the lawn mowing people took care of the shrubs in the park

There was a discussion on hedges and pollinator gardens. It was decided that this issue would need to be brought back up as it needs to be addressed.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Facility Use Application-Village Green End of Season Banquet Little League-Nichole Cook- A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Pheonix, to allow Little League to use the Green, all were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes from Village Board Meeting held on June 25, 2025
Offered by: Trustee Dillberg
Seconded by: Trustee Eastwick
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 Phoenix
Record of Vote: all were in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Coxsackie-Athens School District- building use during time of crisis- Mayor Serrago will sign and send a digital copy.
2. NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation- short term financing-distribution of \$1202.00- This was the cost of insurance to close on the water project.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Transfer of money-Library Handicapped Access Reserve/Fune/Monies to Library
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Lasher to send the money to the library and close the account, all were in favor.
2. Botiini Proposal: Options Oil Tank-
Chris said a lot of the work on this proposal the DPW can do.
Mayor Serrago said the Town guys are willing to help too.

Chris said the DPW could do the work and Bottini could just hook the tanks up. Chris will call Botini and speak with them about this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Transfer of money-Mount Hope Trust Fund/Monies to Mount Hope Trustee Phoenix is looking into how this account was set up, so that the Clerk can move ahead with moving the money out.
2. Discussion of the NYF projects
Projects the village is discussing:
 1. Docks Riverfront Park-Trustee Dillberg does not think that finger docks will work as these were proposed by someone.
 2. Restoration of the Ferry Slip-
 3. Handicapped Improvements at the Park- needs a new board walk.
 4. ADA Kayak Launch-rebuild
 5. Waterfront Trail from Kayak Launch to The Gardens-Village is not doing.
 6. ADA Compliant Curbs and parking.
 7. Town Square Idea/Diagonal Parking
 8. Community Building-Bring up to ADA Compliance-get numbers on heat pumps.

If anyone else has ideas send to Mayor Serrago.

Clerk- mentioned the water rate changes that were sent and the DASNY money to be deposited.

Trustee Phoenix-she said that the public is talking about the water and mowing. She said that summer rec is going well.

Trustee Eastwick- did not have anything for tonight.

Trustee Dillberg- Asked about the tree grant. He wants to see that the money is also used for the maintenance of the trees, which the DPW will need a bucket truck and items for stump removal. He said he is afraid they won't get what is needed.

Chris said if we cannot get the equipment, how much is the reserve fund?

Mayor Serrago said we will make sure it is funded.

Trustee Lasher- had nothing for this evening.

Mayor Serrago said she received an email asking to keep the flags up longer. She said it is the American Flags as the Pride Flags are down.

Mayor Serrago asked why they cannot put the flags up higher.

Wayne said it's because of the wind. If they go higher the wind will take them down.

Chris asked if the Ferry was parked at the park now. He thought it was only emergencies.

Mayor Serrago said that the Ferry needs to put signage down there. She told everyone that we are now on DOT's list to have 385 paved. She discussed some pop-up signs that have appeared without permission.

Trustee Lasher said she will be taking them down for Saturdays Street Festival.

The board agreed that the signs will need approval and a designated spot.

The board compared the quotes for panic buttons for the Village Clerks Office. There were quotes from General and Doyle.

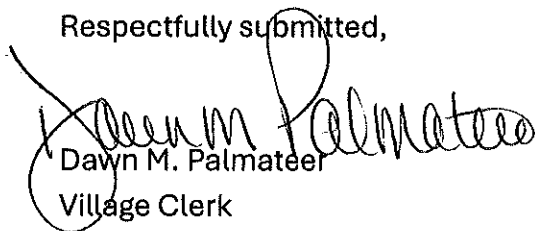
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Lasher to get the buttons from General, all were in favor.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher at 7:54pm, seconded by Trustee Phoenix to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter, all were in favor.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg at 8:18pm, seconded by Trustee Lasher to exit executive session, all were in favor

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg at 8:19pm, seconded by Trustee Phoenix to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn M. Palmateer
Village Clerk