

# Athens Village Board Meeting Minutes

## August 13, 2025

### *PLEDGE TO THE FLAG*

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

1. Northdome-Joe Myers. Addressed the ground water complaints. Hydrants were flushed. No compliance issues. Reported that the plant is showing a 201,000 gallon per day usage, down from the previous month. Intake screens will be checked at the end of August or early September. A second application (treatment) is recommended.
2. DPW-Chris Sprague. Spoke with Tom Sprague for the new meters. He can do a 1-hour presentation in September during the day, or the Board can conduct a special meeting at night after 5 p.m. New drainage has been put in on the back part of Constantine Ct. Helped with 2 water breaks. 2 curb stop replacements. 3 hydrants will need to be replaced. Market St. will need a replacement. Millings of the alley in Brick Row and the Village will be done, looking for a small crusher or sifter to make the millings smaller. Helped with the Tannersville taps. Stop guards to be installed in the Village. Spoke with the DOT about crosswalk and signage for second St and 385. Additional speed signs have been installed on Vernon St. Basketball court has been finished. Picnic tables were vandalized in the park; cameras may be installed. Bathrooms at the Municipal building will be addressed. Fuel tank removal: a level platform will be installed by the DPW. The second tank will be addressed at a later date.
3. Fire Department-Chief Wayne Butterworth. Would like to purchase two AEDs for the chief cars using the upcoming grant monies; will have to get quotes. For Halloween, would like to do a hayride and would like to do a house lighting contest with prizes and bring the kids around to see them. Inquired on getting 2 EZ Passes for the chief's cars. Trustee Phoenix made a motion agreeing to the EZ Passes seconded by Trustee Lasher. All were in favor. Dave Disbrow will be filling in while he and Jim Robinson are on vacation. Kiersten Benson has applied for membership to the AVFD. Trustee Dillberg made a motion to accept seconded by Trustee Lasher. All were in favor.
4. Police Department/Code Enforcement-Ed Tercasio. Camera quote: \$10,000 w/internet (community fund grant), \$15,000 w/cell, internet, etc. An arrest has been made regarding the dock damage. Discussion about village residents tire slashing; in the Sheriff's hands. Officer Butler is in firearms school. Officers Jackson and Henry will be going in October to SRO training for 1 week.

### **APPLICATIONS:**

1. Facility Use Application- Riverside Park- John Zurhellen- Lemonade Stand. Motion to accept: Trustee Lasher. Second: Trustee Dillberg. All in Favor
2. Permit to Peddle- Riverside Park-John Zurhellen- Lemonade Stand- Motion to accept- Trustee Lasher. Second: Trustee Dillberg. All in favor. Fee will be waived.
3. Facility Use Application-Rainey Field-Dana Brown-Co Ed Softball League. Motion to accept:

Trustee Phoenix. Second: Trustee Lasher. All in favor.

4. Facility Use Application-Riverside Park- Tami Bone-Senior Picnic. Motion to accept: Trustee Dillberg. Second: Trustee Eastwick. All in favor.

5. Outdoor Entertainment Permit-Riverside Park- Harvest Festival-Lighthouse Church.  
Motion to accept: Trustee Lasher. Second: Trustee Dillberg. All in favor.

6. Facility Use Application-Riverside Park-United Methodist Church- Praise Service.  
Motion to accept: Trustee Eastwick. Second: Trustee Phoenix. All in favor.

7. Facility Use Application-Riverside Park-Albert Gasparini-Riverfront Praise and Worship.  
Motion to accept: Trustee Lasher. Second: Trustee Dillberg. All in favor.

8. Outdoor Entertainment Application- Riverside Park-Albert Gasparini- Praise and Worship.  
Motion to accept: Trustee Lasher. Second: Trustee Dillberg. All in favor.

9. Facility Use Application-Village Steets-Athens Republican Committee Wagon Ride.  
Mayor Serrago will approve if route, insurance and time are submitted.

10. Facility Use Application-Riverside Park-Hudson Valley Paddling Assoc.-Lindsay Bowen.  
Motion to accept: Trustee Dillberg. Second: Trustee Alison. No drinking rule has been waived.

All application to submit liability insurance.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes from Village Board Meeting for July 23, 2025.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Dillberg

Record of vote: All in favor

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

Offered by: Trustee Dillberg

Seconded by: Trustee Phoenix

Record of vote: All in favor

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester: Blossom Regan Against The Hudson Athens Lighthouse Preservation Committee and Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Society.

2. Resolution No.223-25 Awarding Bid for Gasoline

3. Resolution No.222-25 Awarding Bid for #2D Diesel Fuel

4. Resolution No.216-25 Awarding Bid for Propane

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Insurance denied claim for Pump Station on Schoharie Turnpike.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Amended 30-day notice for manufacturers On-Premise liquor license application for Deep Fried Beers LLC.

Mayor Serrago will write letter.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Trustee Phoenix: A-Porta Potties- when do they come to clean. There have been issues.  
B-Meeting with Finessa Hardy regarding Summer Recreation.
2. Trustee Dillberg: A-Tree Grant- stump removal will be included as well as training for maintenance of new trees. Will speak with Maggie and Stephen regarding the trees/stumps on the sidewalks. Need to think about some tree care equipment once caregiver term has expired.  
B-No Parking signage for kayak launch. DPW will take care of and Refresh the lines.
3. Trustee Lasher: A-Community Grant for AEDs for AVFD Chiefs cars.  
B-Cameras at Little League Field.  
C-Carport for police cars
4. Mayor Serrago: A-Cultural Center closing has been finalized.  
B-Plantings in rights-of-way need to be addressed in a sensitive way.  
Areas will need to be identified, and notice sent to owners to relocate said plantings. CAC has a list.  
C-NY Forward meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Workshop August 28<sup>th</sup>.  
D-Sewer Rates will be looked at next.  
E-Will discuss lead line service with Superintendent Sprague. What phone number will be on letter.  
F-NY Forward applications have been filed. Included are parks, sidewalks on Second St with tree removal and new tree plantings, Water St. enhancement (Town Square).  
G- Container in parking lot. Belongs to the library. Will address.
5. Nancy Poylo: A-Derelict building on Water St. next to kayak launch. Trucks keep coming in and out. Police need to keep an eye on it.
6. Deputy Clerk Stacey :A- \$50,000 approved grant money for the gym has been deposited.  
B- panic buttons were installed in the office on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing more to come before the Board, Trustee Lasher made a motion to adjourn  
Seconded by Trustee Dillberg. All were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Gail Stacey  
Deputy Clerk