

Athens Village Board Meeting

September 10, 2025

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

The meeting opened at 5pm with the pledge and a presentation on water meters by Schmidts Wholesale.

Department Heads:

1. **Northdome**-Joe Myers-Joe was absent. Mayor Serrago read the report sent by Joe. The Mayor asked that a volunteer conservation of water be taken at this time. Trustee Dillberg and Wayne let her know that people are using sprinklers right now.

2. **DPW**-Chris Sprague- Chris was absent so Wayne gave a report. He said that the drainage at Constantine Court is ninety nine percent done. He said they have blacktopped the driveway areas and potholes are done. Wayne said that the tamper went down and sending it to Finke to be fixed would cost \$1000.00 to repair. He said it would be \$2600.00 to buy a new one.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Eastwick to purchase a new tamper.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Dillberg to declare the old tamper as surplus goods.

Wayne let everyone know that the chipper broke. He said there is a fuel issue and could cost 1600.00 to 3000.00 to repair. He said the injectors need to be sent out and tested. He said that it has low hours and believes they purchased in 2014. He thinks it is worth fixing and because it was bought with CHIPS money it would need to be kept for 10 years.

Attorney Rappeleyea joined the meeting at 6pm.

Wayne said that the Market Street leak is more complicated than thought as the whole intersection will need to be dug up. He spoke about the valve they would need. Wayne drew a picture to show what needed to be done.

Mayor Serrago asked if the job could be contracted out or if the County could help. She said maybe put it out to bid.

Wayne said he would talk to Chris when he is back. Mayor Serrago said to speak with Jason and have Chris and Jason talk about the issue.

Wayne said they are waiting on quotes from plumbers for the sewer problem in the building.

Mayor Serrago declared the plumbing an emergency.

Mayor Serrago asked if there were poop bags as they are needed. Wayne said the guys will get them out.

Mayor Serrago said the flag at the WWTP looks a bit raggy and needs to be replaced. Mayor Serrago also asked if there are rules for the brush pile and asked where those rules are.

Wayne said that Chris Pfister had made a sign with the rules and Chris is having the sign re made. Mayor Serrago mentioned the Pardes driveway on Third Street and said it looked a little funky at the end. Wayne said that Chris spoke with Kurt and they did the curbing. Mayor Serrago asked about the AVFD lights and Wayne said Chris has not contacted anyone about them yet.

Trustee Dillberg said the light on the flag is gone and Wayne did say someone stole it. He said they will get a few more.

There was a question about trimming limbs on trees. Wayne said he will speak with Chris and get that done. Wayne did say the Town is coming in to take down a tree by the Little League Field.

AVFD- Wayne Butterworth- Wayne said that parade season was over and told the board about the trophies the department won at the last parade. He said they will be doing the Pumpkin Parade this year, and said they are working on insurance for the hayride.

Mayor Serrago mentioned NYFORWARD and the streets, but said she does not know if the applications will be funded at this time. Wayne mentioned all the new drainage on Second Street was just put in.

There was a discussion on curbs.

APD- Roger Masse-absent Ed Tercasio gave the monthly report. He said he received 3 estimates on the garage and he would like a slab as one needs to be there for installation. Trustee Dillberg said to do a frost wall and then it can be concreted in the future.

Mayor Serrago said the application due date for the Community Benefits Foundation is September 26th.

Code Enforcement-Ed Tercasio- Ed mentioned he has 2 guys in school. He spoke about SRO school and the range needing an instructor as training for the range is changing.

Applications:

1. Facility Use Application-Riverside Park-Rouidiani/Birthday Party 3pm-6pm.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Dillberg to allow the Birthday Party, all were in favor. Insurance would be needed.

2. Facility Use Application-Riverside Park-Palmateer/Meet and Greet 2pm-4pm

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Eastwick to allow the meet and greet, all were in favor. Insurance would be needed.

3. Facility Use Application-Gym-Johnson/Birthday Party. This application was denied because the bounce house. The board does not want a bounce house on the new floor.

4. Facility Use Application-Pumpkin Parade-10/26 use of the Village Streets-

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Phoenix to let the AVFD have a hayride, all were in favor. Insurance is needed.

Resolutions:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes from the Village Board Meeting held on August 27, 2025
Trustee Phoenix would like the minutes changed to reflect why she said what she said at the meeting. She has sent an email to Gail with the change. Once changed, the board will accept.

Offered by: Trustee Phoenix

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution Approving the Vouchers as presented on abstracts

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Dillberg

Record of Vote: all in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Summer Recreation ending Report-

There was a discussion. Some things mentioned were that there was no official number of kids that attended, no sign in sheet, and the director lost the data in Google drive.

Trustee Phoenix said there was no proper reporting of anything.

Mayor Serrago feels the report is a narrative. She said there is work to do for next year.

2. Kool Temp Heating and Cooling-The clerk let the board know that the cooling unit

was leaking water and was not covered under any contract. So she had Kool Temp send one to review as the cost for the visit was a bit expensive.

The board said to check with Henderson and Albrights as well.

New Business:

1. Sewer rate study- Mayor Serrago said the process will begin as she has spoken to Becky from RCAP. She said that Dawn, Jason and MJ will have a discussion the sewer.

2. Discussion on the meter presentation- Everyone agreed it was cool and they liked it. They like the cellular feature and feel it should move to the next step.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. NY FORWARD update-The next meeting is Monday
2. Chargepoint fees---there was a brief discussion on fees. The clerk will send Trustee Dillberg and Mayor Serrago so they can review them.

Trustee Lasher said that one of the charging stations is not working.

Trustee Dillberg- had nothing else for this evening.

Trustee Eastwick- she asked about the Lead Line inventory and was told another round of letters will be going out.

Trustee Phoenix- had nothing else for this evening.

Mayor Serrago let everyone know that the 3 applications the village would be submitting to the Community Benefits Foundation this year would be for cameras at the Little League field, an AED for the firehouse, and a garage for the police department vehicles.

It was mentioned that the Cultural Center had not used all their money from the Community Benefits Foundation.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Palmateer
Village Clerk