

Village of Athens Board Meeting- October 15, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Pledge

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Northdome-Joe Myers. Spillway is down about 8 inches. The rain fall has added 6 inches. The water restriction will stay in place. Inlet was inspected and screen cleaned. A second dive may be done to get pictures. Two treatments have been done. Reservoir looks good, no complaints. Treatment Plant: sludge has been cleaned on the south bed, north bed is next. A crane will be coming on October 21st to take off the roof to fix the pump. A power outage at water plant has caused the water filter controller to stop working. Will be getting 2 quotes for the work. Aqua logics will be coming on October 16th, will keep posted. System will be updated. May schedule another flush, will discuss further at the November 12th meeting. 37 N. Water St: running at 174,000 gals a day. DEC inspection in September went well. Painting has started at the plant. No sludge removal in September. Brick Row Plant: flow meter has rotted. A new one is being fabricated. Assessment Management Plan: being worked on.
2. DPW-Wayne Butterworth: Water leak on second St fixed. Drying Bed at water plant cleaned. Leaf pick up is scheduled for the last week of October. Library signs on the boardwalk will need to be taken down for the winter and the roll off in the community center parking lot will need to be removed now that it is empty. Mayor Serrago will address both with the library. There still remains one distancing sign; that will be removed. Carol Pfister was wondering when to take down the flowers on the boardwalk.
3. Fire Department-Wayne Butterworth: Would like to do another dive at the reservoir to out where the inlet branches off and get pictures. Inquired about a digital sign for the firehouse. AVFD will cover the cost. They may need to go in front of the planning board. Would also like a spot in the newsletter to get out events and goings-on, etc. The Board agreed that it is a good idea. Rules for containers? Would like to purchase a shipping container for training purposes and would be stored behind the firehouse. Would need a permit from the planning board. Pumpkin Parade: 10 houses have signed up for the decorating contest.
4. Police Department-William Mirando: report attached. Looking to get funding from Senator Hinchey's office to EpiPens; if granted, Athens would be the first in the county to have them. Also applying for a grant for the crosswalk, Second St and Rt 385; safety concerns. Senator Hinchey's office can be contacted. Rt 385 will be paved in 2026, may want to reach out and have them consider doing some safety measures. Officers Benson and Jackson are now certified SRO's. Officer Place: would like to do a Youth Cadet program for older school students. Program would include classwork, team Building, physical activities, community policing (learning about police stuff). Trustee Lasher made a motion in support of the Youth Cadet Program seconded by

Trustee Dillberg. Roll Call: all in Favor.

Program may start in November.

The NYS police dispatch station in Catskill is no longer in operation. Calls will be diverted to Middletown starting October 16th. APD phones may need to be updated with new message.

The Village and APD have 2 different computer companies, ITS and Greene Computer. Mayor Serrago will handle this matter.

- 5.Code Enforcement-William Mirando: Ed Tercasio will be in training November and December for building codes pertaining to new home construction. Will discuss with him about ev cars plugging in with cords going across streets and sidewalks. Also, about cars parking on corners.

APPLICATIONS:

- 1.Facility Use Application-Riverside Park-Bethany Guldenstern-Live Music, Acoustic Guitar. Offered for Approval: Trustee Lasher, Second: Trustee Dillberg, Record of Vote: All in Favor.
- 2.Facilty Use Application-Gym-Lighthouse Church ,Jenni Halsted- Volleyball. Offer for Approval: Trustee Lasher, Second: Trustee Dillberg, Record of Vote: All in Favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1.Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes of October 1, 2025.
Offered By: Trustee Eastwick
Second: Trustee Phoenix
Record of Vote: All in Favor
- 2.Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers as Presented.
Offered By: Trustee Phoenix
Second: Trustee Eastwick
Record of Vote: All in Favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Greene County Memorandum: 2026 Workers Compensation Premiums/Village of Athens. No price change.
2. Greene County Memorandum: 2026 Workers Compensation Premiums/Fire Company. No price change.
- 3.Greene County Economic Development, Tourism, and Planning. Will be posted.
- 4.Tommy Manetta: Water Source. Has been forwarded. Jason will deal with this matter.
- 5.Town/Village of Athens Cleanup Day 10/25/25.
- 6.NYS DOT Master Plan: Mayor to Fill Out. Mayor Serrago will submit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.Insurance Responses Due. Meeting with Marshall and Sterling 10/16/25 @ 2 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Summer Recreation: Funding and Demographics Town versus Village attendees: 60 kids total; 85% Town, 15% Village. Daily numbers for attendees was under 30. Mayor Serrago would like to increase the Village budget for this program by \$1000. The Town of Athens will be leaving their contribution the same; Mayor Serrago would like to see the Town increase theirs by \$1000. She believes that the Town should either take over the program or help a little more. The biggest attendance day was July 21st with 34 kids. Counselors in Training were not listed. Report is not put together well; hard to get through. Would like the Board to put together something for next year's budget.
2. Application for Co-Ed Softball at the Ball Park. Approval has been revoked until they can provide a corrected liability insurance, need to pay out-of-town fee of \$75, and would have to come before the Board for the liquor issue.

Trustee Dillberg: Chargepoint: the Village is being charged between 30-36 cents per kwh by Central Hudson for fees and power. Chargepoint charges \$35.89 in fees. Residents are only being charged 24 cents per kwh. The Village makes no money on these stations. Rates will need to go up. Electric rates have gone up since the charging stations have been put in. The Board has asked that Mary Jo Wynne, retired Village Clerk, check on the Chargepoint software to see what we charge per kwh and let Mayor Serrago and Trustee Dillberg know what the rate is. The Board feels that a new charge of 40-45 cents per kwh and a \$1.00 plug-in fee would need to go into effect. The Village is down one charging station, will need to check if the insurance will cover the cost of repairs.

Trustee Phoenix: Air BNB rates? May need to raise. Will check on amount.

Mayor Serrago: Tree contract for grant has been fully executed. Stephan Bradicich will be on the October 29th agenda. Lift Project: who signs contract? Village or Town?

ADJOURNMENT: With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Dillberg made a Motion to Adjourn seconded by Trustee Lasher. Roll Call: All in Favor.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Stacey
Deputy Clerk, Village of Athens

Village of Athens Police Department

Monthly Report

September 2025

Incidents- 26

Assist Citizen (Property Found/Lost, or any other assist to citizen)- N Franklin Street , Brick Row, Second Street , Third Street , Union Street

Auto Accidents (Property damage and personal injury)- North Washington, Second St

EMS Calls – Third Street, N Washington St, all reports closed

***Vehicle and traffic Complaints / Parking Complaints- Second St, N Washington St**

Village Ordinances- Second Street, N Washington Street

Domestic Incidents- Market St, Second St

Fire Dept. Assist – Livingston S

SRO Report-

Upcoming issues/ Help Needed: Stationary Cameras are operational and viewable. Cameras around Municipal building should be operational soon.

Additional Business: