

VILLAGE OF ATHENS MINUTES-JANUARY 28, 2026

*PLEDGE TO THE FLAG*

*Present: Mayor Serrago, Trustee Lasher, Trustee Phoenix, Trust Dillberg, Trustee Eastwick.*

PUBLIC:

1. Lawrence Palmafer- 3 N Water St (Marina). Water Bill. Received a pink leak card for the September 2025 billing and later found that there was a leaky toilet and hose. He would like to know why his account was changed from 1 unit to 3 since the apartment is being used by his daughter with barely any water used and the marina is his business. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to change his billing units to one and credit the account for the extra units for the September and January cycle.

2. Becky Sims, RCAP-Sewer Rate Study. Water and sewer rates increased in 2011 and water rates increased again on the September 2025 billing cycle. Sewer rates will need to be increased as the Village will be taking on new debt with an upcoming project. Sewer rates and usage will be looked at based on financial history, where used and customer base. The average increase per quarter would be around \$36 more per customer; \$144 more per year. There will be more discussion on how the Village will move forward with the increase. A public hearing may be needed.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Facility Use Application-Riverside Park-Greene County Cruisers-Car Club Meeting & Cruise-In's. Offered By: Trustee Dillberg, Seconded By: Trustee Eastwick, Record of Vote: All in Favor.

2. Facility Use Application-Riverside Park-Greene County Dept. Human Services- Congregate Meals. Offered By: Trustee Lasher, Seconded By: Trustee Phoenix, Record of Vote: All in Favor.

3. Facility Use Application-Riverside Park-The Athens Paddock Club. Offered By: Trustee Phoenix, Seconded By: Trustee Dillberg, Record of Vote: All in Favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving the Village Board Minutes of January 14, 2026.

Offered By: Trustee Dillberg  
Seconded By: Trustee Lasher  
Record of Vote: All in Favor

2. Proposed Resolution Approving the Payment of Vouchers as Presented.

Offered By: Trustee Dillberg  
Seconded By: Trustee Phoenix  
Record of Vote: All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Signed Agreement from The Workplace Employee Assistance Program.
2. Capital Bicycle Racing Club-Officer Brinkerhoff Mem. Race Series. The Village will help as they have in the past.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sarah Dunlap-Interested in the position of Village Historian. The Board had a brief discussion. Trustee Dillberg made a motion to accept Sarah as Village Historian, Seconded By Trustee Phoenix. Record of Vote: All in Favor.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Summer Rec. Grant Applications. The Speenburgh Grant and Stewarts Grant Applications can be submitted on Friday, January 30, 2026. With the increase in dollar amount, the numbers still fall below budget. Trustee Phoenix is asking for presentations and crafts as part of the Stewarts Grant. She also asked that one Trustee apply for grant money from National Bank of Coxsackie.
2. Snow Emergency Parking Law. A Public hearing is scheduled for February 11, 2026 to amend Local law 2-2025 to include Second St between Water St and Warren St. Also included is Brick Row with no parking on the East Side.
3. Re-Levy Law. A fee of \$120 or 20% of bill is being considered. Any maintenance the Village does will be charged to the resident.
4. Short-Term Rental Law Amendment. A motion was made for a Resolution by Trustee Lasher and Seconded by Trustee Phoenix to include a surcharge of an additional \$100 to be added every month that a short-term rental renewal goes unpaid beyond the January 31<sup>st</sup> date. Record of Vote: All in Favor.
5. Facility Use Application Update. The Clerk's Office will create a new application.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mayor Serrago: DPW was given applause for doing good work during the snowstorm. Mayor Serrago made a resolution to add Deputy Clerk Gail Stacey as signer for the National Bank of Coxsackie accounts. Trustee Dillberg made a motion to accept the Resolution seconded by Trustee Lasher. Record of Vote: All in Favor.
2. Trustee Lasher: The proposal that was presented to the Board from Code Enforcement regarding short-term rentals (where they are, how many, billing, etc.) included the Town. CEO Tercasio will have the company do Village only and get back to the Board with new numbers. The Board feels that it will be worthwhile to have this service.
3. Nancy Poylo. The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing for February 5<sup>th</sup> for Joe and Marcia Puorro. They would like to renovate the restaurant into residential living.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Issue. Trustee Phoenix made a motion seconded by Trustee Lasher to enter into Executive Session. Record of Vote: All in Favor.

A motion to close Executive Session was made by Trustee Dillberg seconded by Trustee Lasher. Record of Vote: All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.  
Offered: Trustee Lasher  
Second: Trustee Phoenix  
Record of Vote: All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Stacey  
Deputy Clerk