

VILLAGE OF ATHENS MINUTES-FEBRUARY 25, 2026

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC: Chelsea Steifenender, 13 N. Water St.: Water Bill.

A discussion ensued over the higher cost paid for water/sewer service at the above address. Ms. Steifenender states that the bill has doubled and the home has one meter. The home is a two unit dwelling. She feels that it is illegal for the Village to charge for two units when one meter is present, which it is not. Mayor Serrago explained the billing to Ms. Steifenender and her spouse. She may want an additional meter installed.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Permit to Peddle: Mr. Ding-A-Ling Ice Cream. 6 Month, 2026 Season. \$75.00 fee paid.
Offered for Approval: Trustee Lasher
Seconded By: Trustee Dillberg
Record of Vote: All in Favor
2. Marya Warshaw: Second St. between N. Washington St. & N. Franklin St. - NO Kings Rally.
Offered for Approval: Trustee Lasher
Seconded By: Trustee Dillberg
Record of Vote: All in Favor

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving the Village Board Minutes of February 11, 2026.
Offered By: Trustee Dillberg
Seconded By: Trustee Phoenix
Record of Vote: All in Favor
2. Proposed Resolution Approving the Payment of Vouchers as Presented.
Offered By: Trustee Dillberg
Seconded By: Trustee Lasher
Record of Vote: All in Favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. US Senate Letter: Institute of Museum & Library Services Grants. Letter will be forwarded to the library.
2. NY Rural Water Association Training Workshop/Meeting. Will be posted on the Village bulletin board.
3. Riverkeeper Sweep. The Board unanimously agreed to the dumpster at the boat launch.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NYS Hiring Standards & Procedures for Police Officer Candidates. Will be forwarded to the Athens Police Department.
2. Jill Rom vs Village of Athens, AVFD, AVFD Inc, AVFC. Pertains to a person who fell at the

Firehouse and sustained some injuries approximately a year and a half ago. A summons has been served and will be submitted to the insurance company for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Summer Rec Planning/Hiring. Planning in next phase. Grants have been submitted. A review of past prep work will be done to see what else needs to be done or changed. An ad will need to be placed in the newspaper for Recreation Director. Trustee Phoenix would like to look at the hiring application. Finessa Hardy stated that there are 2 Counselors in Training from last season that would like to come back as counselors.
2. Water Bill Re-Levy Fee Law. Proposed amendment to Code 229-G which would state that a 20% or \$120, whichever is higher, fee would be applied if the water bill is to be re-levied in the taxes. Mayor Serrago has drafted the wording for the local law. This will apply to all municipal water users. A public hearing will be set for the March 25, 2026 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Bids for Lawn Care Services- Starting Date. Lawn care bids will start as soon as possible. An ad will be placed in the newspaper. Bids will be opened at the March 25, 2026 meeting.

BOARD:

1. Trustee Dillberg: Who handles the ADA compliance with the blacktop project for Rt 385/ Washington St? The State will be handling this matter, only responsible for curb to curb.
2. Trustee Lasher: Computer for APD. Upgrade to Windows 11 (4 computers) with more RAM and (3) new routers quoted at a cost of \$925.50.
Trustee Lasher made a motion to approve the expenditure seconded by Trustee Dillberg.
Record of Vote: All in Favor.
3. Mayor Serrago: Can the Village charge a fee if the DPW needs to go out on a service call for a non-village issue at a residence? The Village can do so by resolution.
A motion for a Resolution for the Village to charge a \$100 plus time & materials service fee for work performed, relating to water/sewer, on private property outside the Village domain was made by Trustee Lasher seconded by Trustee Phoenix. Record of Vote: All in Favor. A letter will be drafted.
4. Tentative Budget Public Hearing will be set for the April 8, 2026 meeting.
5. DPW Contract. Mayor Serrago has met with Supervisor Sprague and Trustee Dillberg.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Serrago asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Lasher made a motion to adjourn seconded by Trustee Dillberg. Record of Vote: All in Favor.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Stacey
Deputy Clerk, Village of Athens