

Village of Athens Board Meeting

April 8, 2026

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

Meeting began at 6pm with the Organizational Meeting.

Trustee Lasher and Trustee Dillberg were sworn in by Mayor Serrago.

Appointments for 2026-2027 were read.

It was announced that Yard Sale Day would be on 8/29/2026.

A **Resolution** was made not to change any of the Village's policies.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Dillberg

All were in favor

Mayor Serrago said that there are 2 seats open on the CAC

PUBLIC HEARING: 2026-2027 Tentative Budget

No one had any comments on the tentative budget, so Mayor Serrago told everyone that she will keep the public hearing open, and any questions or comments can be emailed to the clerk's office.

Department Heads:

Northdome-Joe Myers- Joe said there was significant melt and runoff this season. He said that the WWTP was non-compliant because of the flows. He said he spoke with DEC about the Separation Project. He also spoke with Jason. He spoke about maintenance that has been done. He also spoke about sludge removal.

DPW-Chris Sprague- Chris spoke about work the DPW has been doing. He said he met with FW Webb about heads to fit on our meters and they will send a quote. He said he also met with Peckham about oil and stone, he is also waiting for a quote. He spoke about the work the DPW has been doing in the alleyways.

Mayor Serrago said there has been some concern over the work on the alleyways. Mostly what the appearance will be like. People are saying it will look too modern.

Chris said that people are parking in the alleys and the Village is responsible for them. He said the DPW has a hard time plowing them.

Mayor Serrago said she would like to see what the oil and stone look like and then we can talk.

Chris said he made a call to Park and Rec about the boat launch as it needs work. He feels someone will get hurt.

He said that maybe the Village Board could send a letter. He said that the docks will go in tomorrow.

AVFD-Wayne Butterworth- Wayne said that elections were held last Wednesday, he said he will fill in for meetings when Jimmy cannot make it. He asked if everyone received their invite to the banquet.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Phoenix, seconded by Trustee Dillberg to accept Kayden Earle as a member of the Athens Volunteer Fire Department, all were in favor.

APD- Roger Masse-absent- Mayor Serrago asked Trustee Lasher to check with Ed about the installation of the cameras at the Little League Field.

Code Enforcement-Ed Tercasio- absent- Mayor Serrago said she had short term rental questions.

Chris said that little League would like a new door for their concession stand.

Mayor Serrago said they want new screens windows for it too, but she said Derek didn't send anything. The board agreed that a new door was a good idea.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Facility Use Application: Riverside Park: Town of Athens:250th Anniversary Event: July 4, 2026, A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Dillberg to allow use of the park, all were in favor.
Trustee Eastwick was assigned to help the Town as the County will give \$2500.00 to the town and Village for this event.
2. Facility Use Application: Riverside Park: Athens Community Day: June 13, 2026
A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Phoenix, seconded by Trustee Eastwick to allow use on the park, all were in favor.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Phoenix to appoint Brittney Palmateer as the chair to Community Day.

3. Facility Use Application: Riverside Park: Andrew Jaycox; Birthday party April 18, 2026
A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Dillberg to allow the Birthday Party at the park, all were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving the Village Board Minutes of March 25, 2026
This was tabled until next meeting
2. Proposed Resolution Approving the payment of Vouchers as Presented
Offered by: Trustee Dillberg
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of vote: All were in favor
3. Proposed Resolution consolidating gym renovation reserve and municipal building renovation reserve accounts.
Offered by: Trustee Dillberg
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of vote: All were in favor
4. Proposed Resolution consolidating sewer line extension reserve and WWTP reserve accounts.
Offered by: Trustee Dillberg
Seconded by: Trustee Phoenix
Record of vote: all were in favor
5. Proposed Resolution consolidating water line extension reserve and WSIP reserve accounts (subject to permissive referendum) It was discussed that a permissive referendum would need to be done. This will go in the paper, and the community has 30 days to petition with the clerk.
Offered by: Trustee Phoenix
Seconded by: Trustee Eastwick
Record of vote: all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. BSNB and National Bank of Coxsackie Merger Letter
2. CDPHP and Excellus Health Plan Merger letter
3. General/Village Election Votes Cast Memo
4. American Legion Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 2026

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Retainer Letter: Tal Rappleyea-rate is going up
2. Tax Cap Law public hearing 4/29- Mayor Serrago said to set the public hearing for the 29th

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Summer Recreation Update- Trustee Phoenix said that efforts were made to meet with Finessa this week, but she was away. She will meet with Trustee Dillberg to see if he has any comments. The goal is to make Finessa aware of what we want to solidify. She will need to understand the basic knowledge of municipal finance, and we will need to take care of the misunderstanding that they cannot go anywhere as she wants to do field trips. Trustee Phoenix said she plans to give her a form to sign the kids in. She said there is no word on grants yet. Trustee Dillberg said the village will get \$1000.00 from the Steenbergh grant.
2. Cameras at LL Field

Trustee Phoenix- She mentioned NY Forward should be any day now and people are excited.

Trustee Eastwick- had nothing else for tonight

Trustee Dillberg- had nothing else for tonight

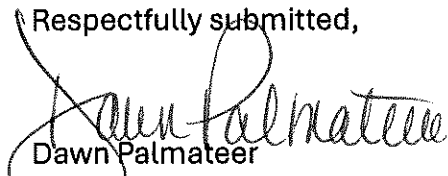
Trustee Lasher- had nothing else for tonight

Mayor Serrago said that the RFPs for the tree grant will be available. She had Trustee Dillberg review them as well. She said they will be available as paper and on the website.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Eastwick to adjourn this evening's meeting, all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Dawn Palmateer
Village Clerk