

## Village Board Meeting- June 10, 2026

Present: Deputy Mayor Lasher, Trustee Phoenix, Trustee Dillberg, Trustee Eastwick

Absent: Mayor Serrago

### PUBLIC:

1. Sarah Brailey- Village Historian- Sarah said that Mayor Serrago asked her to attend this evening's meeting to elaborate on the last meeting. Deputy Mayor Lasher asked Sarah if she had been in touch with Robert Brunner over the Museum. She said she had not as she was told not to bother him until after this meeting.

Trustee Dillberg asked if there was a conflict over material.

Sarah explained that when a historian passes away the items become the ward of the state. She said she worked with Robert for 6 months then they had a disagreement. She said she just wants to be able to go in. She said she cannot be on his schedule. I need the museum to be made available and be able to open it during the days she can be here. She said she has been interviewing people for 2 years and has been obtaining items for the museum.

Trustee Dillberg said Sarah should be allowed in the museum.

Deputy Mayor Lasher said to let Robert know that nothing should be removed.

She said that Sarah would be given a key. Deputy Mayor Lasher told Sarah to let her know how it goes.

### DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. **Northdome-Joe Myers-** Joe said it was a quiet month. Joe said he hopes the rain comes soon as the reservoir stopped overflowing the first week of June. He said that there has been an application of copper sulfate. He said that the reservoir looks good, there is not a lot of vegetation and no taste or odor complaints. He said that the first flush had been done. He said that there is a potential issue with the sewer plant. He said the flow meter may be oversized. He said this would affect low flow periods. He said he was going to speak with Jason about the problem. He spoke about the flow rates. He said Brick Row was good and will keep everyone posted on the reservoir as the mayor did a voluntary conservation on the website.
2. **DPW-Chris Sprague-** Chris said there was a water break on 385. He mentioned that there are a lot of dead trees. He said these are different trees than what are

marked out for the tree grant. He said they had finished leveling off the alley ways and millings will be next week then the oil and stone from Peckham.

Trustee Dillberg asked if they could start at the top so people can see that live at the bottom of the village what the alleys will look like.

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea said he ordered the title search for Dogwood. Chris said he had a conversation with the owner and wanted to know if it moved forward. Chris said he added the oil and stone for there.

Chris said he received bids on mowers. He said he would like to go with the one from United Ag and Turf for \$6950.00 and have the money taken from the Road Materials. Chris also said CHIPS funding was in, and the Village will get \$178000.00 for our roads. He mentioned how himself and Dawn met with the Glo Initiative for lead pipe assessments and they will attend Community Day and answer any questions residents may have.

Trustee Phoenix asked who is responsible for replacing it.

Chris said that the village can do the work and the resident will need to reimburse. He said the homeowner is responsible from the curb stop to the house. Chris said that the Glo initiative would like to do some door knocking to get the unknowns done. This would take place from 10am -3pm for 2 days.

Deputy Mayor Lasher asked about the stop sign. Chris said the engineer will be back for the sign and to get the crosswalks painted and well as the white lines as it is the States responsibility.

Deputy Mayor Lasher said handicap curbing should be painted as well.

3. **AVFD-Jim Robinson-** Jimmy asked if everyone received the report and the donation letter.

Trustee Lasher asked why a third Chiefs car was needed.

Jimmy said it was a program they started when they received the first car.

Trustee Lasher asked if this one would need to be outfitted.

Jimmy said the car is completely outfitted and the department will pay for the lettering.

Wayne Butterworth said the car comes with radios and everything.

Jimmy said the department donating the car is also sending AED's and gear they are surplus sing with.

Trustee Lasher asked about the gas for the vehicle.

Jimmy said the Village pays, but it is in our budget.

A RESOLUTION to go ahead and transfer the car from Hauppauge to The Athens Volunteer Fire Department, all were in favor.

Offered by: Trustee Dillberg

Seconded by: Trustee Phoenix

Record of Vote: all were in favor

Jimmy also told the board that West Athens and Catskill would be on standby for the Village as Athens will be leaving for the convention in Lake George this weekend. He also said that 2-1 would be going to the parade on Saturday morning. An application for membership was also submitted for Richard Lyons.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Phoenix to accept Richard Lyons as a member of the AVFD, all were in favor.

4. **APD-Roger Masse(absent) Sgt. Mirando** -Sgt Mirando read the report for the police department. He said now that paving of 385 is done and he is hoping there will be no more parking issues. He spoke about the bears and residents calling about them. He said people need to not leave their garbage out.

Deputy Mayor Lasher let the APD know that speeding on 385 is out of control. She asked if officers are giving tickets. She said Vernon and Second Street are bad too.

Sgt. Mirando said that the ADA handles the tickets in court. The officers have no control on how they are handled.

Deputy Mayor Lasher asked Sgt. Mirando to check the Rooster on the weekends as well as Second Street and Franklin and 385 by the bank because parking is an issue in through there. She also asked Sgt. Mirando to email or text her about the cost for a CPR class.

5. **Code Enforcement-Ed Tercasio**- not present- Deputy Mayor Lasher had Eds report. She said that there have been complaints that people did not get building permits. It was determined the contractor did not do his due diligence.

Trustee Phoenix said that the Town would like to jump in on Short Term Rentals. She told Britt Palmateer to have Albert speak with Ed.

APPLICATIONS: none

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes from the Village Board Meeting held on May 27, 2026  
Offered by: Trustee Dillberg  
Seconded by: Trustee Phoenix  
Record of Vote: All were in favor
2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers as Presented on Abstracts  
Offered by: Trustee Dillberg  
Seconded by: Trustee Eastwick  
Record of Vote: All were in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice Form Liquor license Stells's Pizzeria Athens LLC.  
This was just a 30-day notice that Stella's is reapplying.
2. Email from resident over 4<sup>th</sup> graders leaving EJ Arthur.  
Trustee Phoenix said that there is a rumor circulating about moving all of 4<sup>th</sup> grade to CE. She said EJ Arthur would then become preschool thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and CE would be 3 thru 5, and Middle School would be 6 thru 8.  
Deputy Mayor Lasher said that we should oppose that.  
A **RESOLUTION** to oppose the CA School Boards idea for changing the EJ Arthur School was made on June 10<sup>th</sup> by the Athens Village Board.  
Offered by: Trustee Dillberg  
Seconded by: Trustee Phoenix  
Record of Vote: All were in favor

NEW BUSINESS: none

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Recreation-Deputy Mayor Lasher said that recreation is moving along. She said she met with Finessa to finalize. She also said they were setting up a CPR class.
2. Schmidts Wholesale-They will be here tomorrow for a meeting about what is needed.

Deputy Mayor Lasher had nothing else for tonight.

Trustee Dillberg- Trustee Dillberg said that the water spicket in the park was being used by someone to fill up water bottles.

Wayne said there are cameras in the park if we wanted to see who it was.  
It was mentioned that it could be someone who waters the flowers.

Trustee Dillberg also said he would meet with Deputy Mayor Lasher and Finessa about recreation.

Trustee Eastwick-Trustee Eastwick said she has a few friends willing to help with garbage detail for the 4th of July celebration.

John, a parent of an EJA student, attended the meeting and said that the children that are here mean a lot to the community. He said that the 4<sup>th</sup> graders are role models to the younger kids at the school. He feels that Athens will be a little darker if the kids go away. He said the Board is ignoring the community.

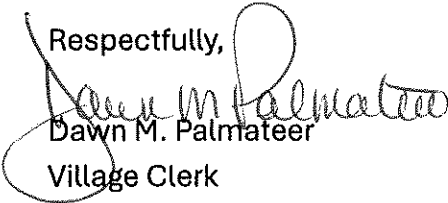
Rob Brunner suggested the Board ask someone from the school to come to a board meeting.

Deputy Mayor Lasher asked the clerk to write a letter to the Superintendent asking him to attend the next board meeting to go over any proposed changes.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Dillberg, seconded by Trustee Phoenix to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Respectfully,



Dawn M. Palmateer

Village Clerk