

**VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – January 23, 2019**

Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustee Marla Butler and Trustee Shannon Spinner. Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

ABSENT: Trustee Gail Lasher and Trustee Stephan Bradicich.

PUBLIC:

1. *Tracey Testo and Kelsey West representing Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties* attended the meeting to update the Village Board on the Climate Smart Resiliency tool that they have been developing for the village of Athens.

This program was developed due to an increasing interest by municipalities wanting assistance and education in adapting to climate change as a result of damage sustained by storms Sandy and Irene. Part of this information and assistance comes from developing a climate smart resiliency planning tool specific to the municipality. This tool evaluates local policies, plans, projects etc.

The tool also allows municipal staff to become more aware and understand the opportunities available for projects that help communities adapt to changes in the environment.

This process also counts toward moving forward to becoming a ‘Climate Smart Community’.

There are many benefits to becoming a ‘Climate Smart Community’ including guidance in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, aid in acquiring grants monies etc.

They also noted that in completing this tool for the village they provided the village with a list of the strengths that they have already accomplished including but not limited to the adoption of the Greene County Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency Plan (enabling the village to apply for funding through the Hazard Mitigation grant program), implementation of the LWRP and zoning changes regarding increasing height restrictions in lower areas by the river.

It also lists areas of opportunity that the village may want to consider including taking further steps to becoming a ‘Climate Smart Community’ and also completing a vulnerability risk assessment, creating a community outreach program, hazard mitigation implementation etc.

The Mayor thanked them for all of their work and will look forward to receiving the final spreadsheet/tool. It will be a valuable asset to put on the village website and also provide public officials and employees valuable information moving forward with projects and planning.

APPLICATION – Water connection application – 15 Murphy Drive

Applicant: Sandra & Henry Miller
MOTION made by Trustee Butler, seconded by Trustee Spinner, all in favor approving application as submitted.

APPLICATION – Facility use – gym

Applicant: Outlaws – Friday from 4-6PM.

MOTION made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Butler, all in favor, approving application as submitted.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on January 9th, 2019 be approved:

Tabled until next meeting.

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers as Presented

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves payment of the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1984, vouchers numbered #9918438 through #9918458 in the amount of \$12,218.41

WATER FUND – Abstract #10441, vouchers numbered #9918464 through #9918430 in the amount of \$4,521.23

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10420, voucher numbered #9918431 through #9918437 in the amount of \$4,434.18

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Spinner

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Approving Annual Trooper David Brinkerhoff Memorial Race

WHEREAS the Capital Bicycle Racing Club (CBRC) will be holding their 16th annual event entitled the ‘Annual Trooper David Brinkerhoff Memorial Race’, and;

WHEREAS, part of this 2 week event is held in the village and CBRC has asked the village for their permission, as has been done in the past, to temporarily close some roads at the start of the race and also provide manpower at some intersections for traffic control, and;

WHEREAS, CBRC will provide a certificate of insurance to the village;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board support CBRC’s request for support and in holding their annual Trooper David Brinkerhoff Memorial Race:

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of vote: Mayor Alberti votes aye

4. Proposed Resolution Adopting Social Media Policy for the Village of Athens

BE IT RESOLVED that the village of Athens adopt a policy for social media use for all of it's officials, employees, and personnel including all members of the Athens Fire Department and Police Department (policy attached):

Offered by: Trustee Spinner

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of vote: Mayor Alberti votes aye

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NYSDOT – CHIPS, PAVE NY and EWR Statement.
2. Andrew Campanella – President National School Choice Week. Re: Request for Proclamation.
3. NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. Re: Ruling on Intervenor Funding.
4. Greene County Public Health Department. Re: Rabies prevention followup.
5. Capital Bicycle Racing Club- Tom Gordon. Re: Trooper David Brinkerhoff Memorial Race information. (RESOLUTION attached)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sliding scale changes.
2. DCJS grant monies received (\$16,550.00)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearings to be held.
2. Murphy Drive – filing of road.
3. Social Media Policy. (RESOLUTION attached)

ADJOURNMENT:

7:30PM Motion made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Butler, Mayor Alberti votes aye as well.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Wynne