

ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES –AUGUST 28, 2019

Pledge to the Flag

Present: Mayor Stephan Bradicich, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Amy Serrago, Trustee Rob Scott, and Trustee Dr. Joshua Lipsman, Attorney Tal Rappleyea

Meeting started at 6:30pm

PUBLIC-

1. Keith Rodan- Mr. Rodan was present to discuss a noise issue coming from Crossroads Brewery. His home is located at 4 South Franklin Street. He stated the compressor and vent at Crossroads makes a lot of noise. He stated he has complained about the problem before and did having a meeting with Mike Ragaini (code enforcement) and the owners of Crossroads and he did hire an attorney in the past. He stated he sent a letter again last year and nothing was done. Mr. Rodan brought a recording of the noise and said he has measured it with a decibal reader. He also stated he had been to the planning board

Mayor Bradicich asked when he had spoken with the planning board and did tell Mr. Rodan that he would go by and listen. He also stated he would speak with Janine and code enforcement to see if there is a noise violation.

2. Marty Miller- Mr. Miller came on behalf of the Paddock Club. He said the Paddock Club would like to do a fundraiser where people would purchase 3 by 5 flags and display them in the park. He said kind of like East Durham does. He said there would be about 30 to 40 flags from Mid May to possibly June if in Riverfront Park.. The Paddock Club would maintain the flags. He also mentioned the small grass park across from Stewarts and if that location was approved they could stay until July.

Mayor Bradicich asked if these would be a standard USA flag and asked for a diagram to be made up. He said maybe they could be clamped to the fence. He asked Mr. Miller to get back to him with some more information.

3. Kathy Jackson came on behalf of the library. She spoke about the trust that was set up for the library. She said she received part of the money that the village was going to turn over to the library, but not the remaining amount. She said she needed it as soon as possible for the matching grant the library had been working on.

Mayor Bradicich asked Attorney Rappelyea what could be done.

Attorney Rappelyea said you would have to sit down with Clerk-Treasurer and go over this.

Kathy Jackson said that the village used to give us statements on the CD's but no longer does and we told the grant writer last year we would have the matching funds. The other reason she came was to discuss the issue of the wi fi. She said the police chief never received any complaints; wi fi is consolidated with other libraries so you can see usage, no libraries turn theirs off, and It became a personal issue pointed at me—not the Athens page, but she thinks she knows who it is.

Mayor Bradicich thanked Kathy Jackson for coming.

4. Glenn Weinberg from Joule came and spoke about the Community Choice Aggregation program. He spoke about renewable energy credits and went over some slides that he brought to explain the program. This program allows municipalities to buy on behalf of their citizens.

Mayor Bradicich asked what the incentive was from a green energy standpoint was.

Trustee Lipsman said that any package that you buy lowers cost and is 100 percent clean energy.

Mr. Weinberg said there are steps to take and local laws to be passed. This is a public benefit offered by the municipality and maybe a survey could be done to see if there is interest.

Mayor Bradicich asked how do you promote in the community

Mr. Weinberg said a question and answers session where we would spend 10 to 20 minutes in community places.

Trustee Lipsman said we would need a local law to put it together

5. Greg Mumby and Tara Donadio were here to speak about the Clean Energy Community Grant. Greg said he is the consultant that would work with the village to put the grant together. Greg announced the village is now eligible for the \$30,000 grant. Greg and Tara wanted to know if the village had any ideas or current projects coming up they would use the money for.

Mayor Bradicich said a new public works building as we may have money to get it started.

Greg and Tara explained that The Village would have 3 years to spend the grant monies, but 6 months to plan where the money would go.

Mayor Bradicich said he would like to break ground in the spring.

Greg said we would have to structure this.

Mayor Bradicich said email Josh with ideas so we can brainstorm. He also said to meet with Seth and get some ideas for the water and have them back in a month.

6. Dave Disbrow was here on behalf of the fire department. He came with the comparisons on fire gear. After Dave presented his findings the gear was discussed and it was decided he was allowed to purchase 3 sets of turnout gear.

A **MOTION** to purchase 3 sets of turnout gear was offered by Trustee Serrago, seconded by Trustee Lipsman, and all were in favor.

Applications:

A **MOTION** was made to allow the Library to use Gym on 10/05/2019
Trustee Lasher made the motion
Seconded by Trustee Scott
All were in favor

RESOLUTIONS:

A **MOTION** was made to approve The Village Board Meeting minutes from July 24, 2019, Trustee Serrago made the motion
Seconded by Trustee Scott
Mayor Bradicich and Trustee Lasher voted in favor
Trustee Lipsman abstained

A **MOTION** was made to accept payment of the Vouchers as presented:

General Fund- Abstract # 2001, vouchers #9918983-9919008 in the amount of \$19,945.98

Water Fund- Abstract # 10455, vouchers # 9919018-9919025 in the amount of \$9074.80

Sewer Fund- Abstract # 10438, vouchers # 99191010-9919017, in the amount of \$17540.12

Trustee Scott made the motion
Seconded by Trustee Lasher
All were in favor—two were handed back for corrections

A **MOTION** to approve the application to Hudson River Greenway Planning Grant Program was offered by Trustee lasher
Seconded by Trustee Lipsman

All were in favor—with pending final approval of the Mayor for final submission to be added

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence were reviewed. The contract for the School Resource Officer was discussed and

A MOTION to approve the contract with the Coxsackie Athens School District for the 2019-2020 school year was made by Trustee Serrago

Seconded by Trustee Lipsman

All were in favor

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor signed the petroleum Bulk Storage Application

OLD BUSINESS:

The Paul Ochs property was discussed.

The Palmateer sewer issue was discussed and will be looked into for the next meeting.

Direct pay for the police department was discussed. Mayor Bradicich is not inclined to have them do this year as it is not in their contract and he will look into before the next contract or possibly make it a village policy.

90 North Franklin Street was discussed and the Mayor said 3 aspects were being pursued.

The Mayor then asked each Trustee if they had anything to be discussed.

Trustee Lipsman said that he did not get the SRO Contract or the minutes right away and did not have a chance to look either over before the meeting. He is requesting hard copies from now on.

The Mayor asked the Clerks office to have the minutes to the Board by the end of business Monday before the meetings.

Trustee Scott read a letter from the Director of Recreation and said he was hoping Jen Moritz will come back next year, as there were no problems.

Trustee Serrago reported on the web site. She said the company that host our website wants 200.00 a month and they add money onto each item added to the site. There are a lot of bugs that need to be worked out. She said we may have to start a new site.

Trustee Lipsman said maybe bring in a laptop so the board can all see it and it could help the proposal.

Trustee Serrago said communication back and forth has been piecemeal.

Mayor Bradicich said If we need to bid it out we can

Mayor Bradicich would like to debrief APAC at the end of the season. He mentioned that he has spoken with Supervisor Butler about the transfer of the building and the Town is willing to pay \$17500.00 to gain the building if the utility charge goes away. Mayor Bradicich asked that the clerks confirm that no utilities were put into the budget for the building.

Mayor Bradicich also would like to see if the 0 interest loan could be used for the Main Street properties.

Attorney Rappelyea will revisit this.

Mayor Bradicich reported that there was a noise violation written for the Moto Cross track, he reported that the mowing is going better and is more consistent.

MOTION to adjourn was made at 8:55pm by Trustee Scott

Seconded by Trustee Serrago

All were in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn M. Palmateer

Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer

