

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes - March 8, 2017 Time: 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Christian Pfister, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Peter Alberti and Trustee Marla Butler.

ABSENT: Trustee Robert June

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the public hearing by requesting that the Clerk-Treasurer read the notice that was published in the newspaper regarding the proposed Local Law #2 regulating public utilities (attached).

The Mayor asked if there were any comments.

No Comments from the public.

Public Hearing closed at 6:45PM by Motion made by Trustee Alberti, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor.

REGULAR MEETING OPENS

1. ***Hearing on Paul Ochs Property.*** Tonight is the scheduled hearing on Paul Ochs property.

The Mayor noted that he received a message from Paul Ochs stating that he could not attend this meeting but requests more time because he would like to work on cleaning up the property and the building. Mr. Ochs has postponed this before. The Mayor mentioned that this has been going on for a long time and he was not happy with this request but he also feels that if Mr. Ochs wants to reclaim the property and the building, and he makes steps in that direction in the next couple of weeks, then he would be willing to work with him.

The Village Attorney advised the Village Board to uphold the order previously sent to him and allow him 30 days to start the process and 60 days to finish. This property has been an issue for several years and nothing has been accomplished. Upholding the order may motivate him.

2. ***Jake Boeri, representing LAM Development,*** attended the meeting to provide a presentation to the Village Board on how their company can save the Village money by switching to solar energy for their electricity usage.

Lam Development is a solar energy development company that focuses on providing renewable power to municipalities. Mr. Boeri has reviewed the Village's electricity consumption over the past 12 months and feels that they can save the Village money by transitioning to solar energy with no capital investment necessary.

Lam Development only requires a signed agreement from the village for 25 years.

The Village Board thanked him for coming and will review the documents.

Department Heads

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| 1. Legal | Tal Rappleyea |
| 2. Code Enforcement | Michael Ragaini- |
| 3. Department of Public Works | Anthony Proper |
| 4. Fire Department | Adam Greco |
| 5. Police | Roger Masse |
| 6. VRI (Water and Wastewater) | Dale Post |

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Trustees that was held on February 22, 2017, are, hereby approved.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of Vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of the following Vouchers:

GENERAL – Abstract #1917, vouchers numbered #9916658 through #9916681 and voucher #991685 in the amount of \$46,196.68

WATER – Abstract #10387, vouchers numbered #9916682 through #9916684 and voucher #9916686-#9916688 in the amount of \$13, 237.84

SEWER – Abstract #10371, vouchers numbered #9916689 through #9916691 in the amount of \$2720.80

RESOLVED, the following vouchers are, hereby approved for payment.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of Vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Awarding Bid on Drying Bed Liner

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens did advertise for bids on the installation a sludge drying bed liner,

WHEREAS, only one bid, from Chenango Contracting, was received on the project,

WHEREAS, Lamont Engineering has reviewed and approved the bid,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby accept the bid from Chenango Contracting, on the sludge drying bed installation, in the amount of \$13,750.00.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Butler

Record of Vote: All in favor

4. Proposed Resolution stating that the SEQR for the Enactment of Local Law #2 results in a negative declaration of environmental impact

WHEREAS, the Athens Village Board has completed Part I of the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEQR) for Project entitled 'Local Law #2 Regulation of Public Utilities' and answered 'yes' to only question #1,

WHEREAS, the Athens Village Board has completed Part II of the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEQR) for the above named project and answered 'no' to all of the impact questions provided,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby determine, based upon the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of Vote: All in favor

5. Proposed Resolution Adopting Local Law#2 Regulation of Public Utilities

WHEREAS, the Code of the Village of Athens does not currently address the issue of utility regulation,

WHEREAS, such regulation is needed to protect the interests of the Village of Athens and its residents,

WHEREAS, Local Law #2 would require a special use permit and a site plan review for any work associated with a public utility,

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been conducted on March 8, 2017 on Local Law#2,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law#2 be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Roll call:

Peter Alberti votes aye
Gail Lasher votes aye
Marla Butler votes aye
Bob June absent
Christian Pfister votes aye

RESOLUTION passes

6. Proposed Resolution approving the Athens Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. application for membership. Applicants name: Anders Olsen

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Butler
Record of Vote: All in favor

7. Proposed Resolution approving the outdoor entertainment permit application submitted by the Athens Street Festival for use of Village Streets July 7th, 2017 through July 9th, 2017.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti

Seconded by: Trustee Butler
Record of Vote: All in favor

8. Proposed Resolution approving the outdoor entertainment permit application submitted by the Athens Street Festival for use of the Athens Riverfront Park July 7th, 2017 through July 9th, 2017.

Offered by: Trustee Butler
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of Vote: All in favor

9. Proposed Resolution approving waiving the open container law in the Athens Riverfront Park during the Athens Street Festival to be held on July 8th, 2017.

Offered by: Trustee Butler
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Record of Vote: All in favor

10. Proposed Resolution approving emergency repairs for ETA21 Fire truck at the request of the Fire Chief

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Butler
Record of Vote: All in favor

Trustee Reports

Past Business

1. Insurance claim for filter repair
2. Brunner Property
3. Solar Array Law

New Business

1. Street light on S. Franklin Street.
2. Sale of lumber from village property
3. Aid & Incentives for Municipalities Program

Communications

1. NYDEC: Floodplain map revisions
2. NYS Division of Historic Preservation: Clearance for drying bed project
3. PERMA: Invitation to annual conference
4. NYMIR: Backhoe training
5. NYCOM: Legislative program
6. Greene County Soil and Water: Schoharie Watershed Summit
7. Sleepy Hollow SEQRA

Adjournment 8:35PM

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of Vote: All in favor

