

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES- September 13, 2017 6:30PM

**PRESENT:** Mayor Peter Alberti, Trustee Marla Butler, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Shannon Spinner and Trustee Robert Scott.

*Pledge to the Flag*

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

1. Village Attorney- Tal Rappleyea
2. Fire Department Chief- Adam Greco
  - Fire Chief Greco provided Mayor Alberti with the 'Greene County Fireman of the year award'.
  - The Fire Dept. will be holding their open house on October 15, 2017 from 1:00-4:00PM.
  - The Fire Dept. would like to sell the 'jaws of life' apparatus as surplus equipment (included in the donated rescue truck). (RESOLUTION follows)
  - Swift water rescue training starts at the end of the month.
3. DPW Director - Anthony Proper
  - He is getting prices for the 'on spots' for the new snow plow. He has received one price of \$1700.00
  - The drying bed project at the Water Filtration Plants starts on Monday.
  - Jeremy Copleston has been held up on the stump removal on S. Franklin Street, but he will be here the first week of October.
  - Mayor Alberti mentioned that the road project looks good. Mr. Proper stated that there are a couple of catch basins that need to be raised. He has a call in to Calurusso because they can make the risers for the Village to correct the manholes.
  - He is getting prices on tires for the red and white dump truck. Also checking into the electrical or transmission problem with the pickup truck.
  - The tree in the alley between S.Montgomery St. and S.Warren St. was questioned as to ownership. After reviewing with the Village Attorney it seems to be a property owner problem- not village.
3. Code Enforcement Officer – Michael Ragaini
  - The issue on North Franklin St. regarding metal fabrication has quieted down. They are not doing anything until they find a new place to conduct business. Mayor Alberti emphasized that he wants the CEO to be sure that there is not fabrication going on in or out of the home until the problem is resolved.

Mr. Ragaini noted that he has been trying to find them a place to work in Catskill.

Trustee Lasher stated that the VB does not want to see them leave Athens.

Trustee Butler agreed and mentioned that they have been in the village for close to 15 years and perhaps they just became too big for the space.

The VB agreed that it would be nice to keep them and their business in Athens.

Mayor Alberti reiterated that they need to follow up with the 'Special Use Permit' which had never been completed previously. He emphasized that they are not trying to keep them out of here, but once again, rules have to be followed and the process has to be completed.

- The Brunner property was discussed. The property has been bulldozed but not graded. The issue of guide rails and what to do about them in order to continue the grading was discussed.
- Trustee Lasher asked Mr. Ragaini if anything can be done about the old deli next to the new bakery?

#### 4. VRI – Seth Sheridan and Dale Post

- Mr. Sheridan provided handouts to VB members on monthly activity at all 3 plants.
- Estimate by VRI crew has been provided to fix the clarifier. The VB questioned the maintenance program on this piece of equipment. (Resolution follows)
- Two estimates received to complete the brick work on the old building at the WWTP (All Phase Masonry and Chimney -\$8900.00 and Post Masonry Plus- \$17,996.00)
- Back-up computer discussed. Former proposal was approved and then they raised the price.
- Service for the altitude valve is scheduled with Ross Valve for next week
- Sampling for lead and copper in homes between 1982-1986 will be out by end of month and approved by NYSDOH.
- Cost for air filters for blowers from Koestner were given.
- Lamont Engineering has been out at the WFP laying out the outline of the filter bed.
- Inspections were completed by NYSDEC – no deficiencies noted.
- Harvesting and copper sulfating Hollister lake was discussed. Prices from water aquatics is forthcoming.

The Mayor stated that these figures will be needed when the budgeting process begins in February.

#### 5. Police Chief – Roger Masse

A MOTION was made by Trustee Scott, seconded by Trustee Spinner, all in favor, to enter into EXECUTIVE session at 7:50PM to discuss personnel matters with the Chief of Police

A MOTION was made by Trustee Spinner, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to exit EXECUTIVE session and resume the regular meeting at 8:13PM

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. Facility Use Application – gym. Applicant: Greene County Outlaws.
2. Facility Use Application- Rainey Field. Applicant: Adult co-ed softball.

**MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes from Village Board meeting held on August 23rd, 2017 be approved:

Offered by:  
Seconded by:  
Record of vote:  
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 #1938, vouchers numbered #11294 through #11330 in the amount of \$45,854.91.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10401, vouchers numbered #19512 through #19515 in the amount of \$4,669.19

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10386, vouchers numbered #9917196 through #9917202 in the amount of \$6,493.25

Offered by: Trustee Spinner  
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher  
Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Approving bids accepted by the County for diesel fuel, propane and fuel oil

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves bids received by the county and will participate, as does the county, with the lowest bid for diesel, gas and oil, that being Bottini

Offered by: Trustee Butler  
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher  
Record of vote: All in favor

4. Proposed Resolution Approving scheduling a Public Hearing for the vendors permit law

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves scheduling a Public Hearing for October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to amend the vendor permit law in the village

Offered by: Trustee Spinner  
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher  
Record of vote: All in favor

5. Proposed Resolution Approving surplus equipment from the Athens Fire Dept.

WHEREAS, the newly donated rescue truck which the AVFD has taken ownership of has a jaws life which is not of any use to the fire dept and,

WHEREAS, the AVFD has received an offer to sell it to the Haines fall fire dept. for \$200.00,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the VB declares the equipment surplus and accepts the offer of \$200.00

Offered by: Trustee Butler  
Seconded by: Trustee Spinner  
Record of vote: All in favor

6. Proposed Resolution Approving repair at the \_\_\_\_\_ plant at a cost of \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, VRI has recommended that the clarifier at the plant be repaired at a cost of

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the VB approves work to be completed by VRI

Offered by: Trustee Spinner  
Seconded by: Trustee Scott  
Record of vote: All in favor

7. Proposed Resolution Approving Annual Pumpkin Parade

BE IT RESOLVED, that the VB authorizes the Pumpkin Parade Committee to hold their 12<sup>th</sup> annual pumpkin parade as specified on October 29, 2017

The APD and AVFD will be notified as well.

Offered by: Trustee Spinner  
Seconded by: Trustee Scott  
Record of vote: All in favor

8. Proposed Resolution approving Facility use application

BE IT RESOLVED, that the VB approves the use of the gym as specified in Greene County Outlaws requested

Offered by: Trustee Butler  
Seconded by: Trustee Scott  
Record of vote: All in favor

9. Proposed Resolution approving Facility use application

BE IT RESOLVED, that the VB approve the use of Isabelle Rainey Field as requested by the Adult Co-ed Softball League

Offered by: Trustee Scott

Seconded by: Trustee Spinner

Record of vote: All in favor

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Vendor permits

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Request from Cultural Center to have their concert listed on the new sign by the WWTP.
2. Intermunicipal Agreement – Providing Cooperative Highway Services.
3. Athens Community Benefits Grant Applications.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. NYSDOT. Re: Copy of letter sent to Eugene Hatton as a follow-up on meeting regarding intersection of Route 385 and Howard Hall Rd
2. Pumpkin Parade Committee. Re: Scheduling of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Athens Great Pumpkin Parade.
3. Greene County Legislature. Re: Awarding Bid for #2D Diesel Fuel.
4. NYSDOH. Re: Hudson River fish advisory sign – Athens Riverfront Park.
5. Maria Fotiadis. Re: Water charge on multiple unit dwelling.

**LWRP UPDATE:**

The Clerk-Treasurer who acts as secretary to the Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) informed the VB that the LWRP met last evening.

The WAC reviewed the joint Application for work permit submitted by Peckham Materials Corp. (Athens Facility) and they determined that the proposed activity is consistent with the LWRP- citing particular policies.

The committee also discussed a former coastal assessment form which they had reviewed last year for Frank Pedatela (Water Street, right next to the WWTP). The WAC had completed its review and one of the policies they had cited was policy #20 of the LWRP. The Planning Board and the Code Enforcement Officer received the findings. Policy #20 addresses specific sites in the village where public access to the waterfront should be preserved. One of these sites is the WWTP. The access existed between the WWTP and Pedatela's property.

Unfortunately this access has become blocked by the grading and planting of the property.

The WAC would like the VB to investigate how this access can be mitigated, perhaps through another access around the WWTP?

The WAC also noted that “Section 233-5 Enforcement” of the LWRP talks about the enforcement of the LWRP. More specifically ‘ ... In the event that an activity is not being performed in accordance with this chapter or any condition imposed there under, the CEO shall issue a stop work order...’

The LWRP asked that the VB get back to them.

**ADJOURNMENT: 9:30 PM**

Offered by: Trustee Lasher  
Seconded by: Trustee Spinner  
Record of vote: All in favor

Clerk-Treasurer  
Mary Jo Wynne