

Athens Village Board Meeting

March 8, 2023

Present: Mayor Serrago, Trustee Bradicich, Trustee Lipsman, Trustee Scott. Absent: Trustee Lasher

Meeting began at 6:30pm with the pledge to the flag.

Department Heads

Water/Sewer-Joe Meyers

Joe said that the filter rebuild is complete and has been online for 2 days. He said the amount of backwash is good and he is happy with the rebuild. He said in the next 2 days he will get an invoice for the work done. He said the sewer plant has been down as the DPW fixed leaks. He said that leak detection is a priority and the Village should invest in another leak detection study. He said once Chris is back they will have a date for hydrant flushing.

Lamont Engineers-Jason Preisner

Jason spoke about the options available to the Village to repair and upgrade the sewer system. He went over the options with the board members. After much discussion a decision was made to go with Option #4.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Lipsman, seconded by Trustee Bradicich to go with Option #4 for repairs to the sewer system, all were in favor.

Jason will send this off the DOH and the DEC to score the project. Jason then spoke about NYSERDA credits that municipalities could receive.

There was a discussion about the \$50,000.00 received by the Village from Hincneys office. Jason said the Village might want to use that for the gym and Mayor Serrago agreed. She said she would like to see it used for the remediation and replace some of the flooring.

DPW- Wayne Butterworth

Wayne gave the board some numbers that DPW Supervisor Sprague came up with for the lawn mowing.

Mayor Serrago said she would like to compare to Flats Brothers and see what concerns Mary Jo may have.

There was much discussion on the lawn mowing. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to make a decision as Mayor Serrago would like to go over numbers with Mary Jo and to speak with Chris at the next meeting.

Wayne said that the truck is back with the new body. He said there were some items that could now go up for auction.

Purchasing a new loader was brought up and Mayor Serrago said that would be discussed at the March 22 meeting as Mary Jo is not at this meeting for numbers.

Wayne said that the Rivertown Senior Center would like to take down a tree that is not owned by the Village. He said it is a Black Walnut and does not have tags on it. He said that it is a danger to the building and the propane tank.

Mayor Serrago said that they may take it down.

Wayne said the new firetruck will be here in 1 to 2 weeks.

Athens Police Department-Jeff Ruso

Jeff said that training went well at CGCC. He said the department received a grant from Hincneys office.

There was a discussion about speeding in the Village. Mayor Bradicich asked that the data be pulled from the radars and have it brought to the next department head meeting.

Code Enforcement-Jeff Ruso

Jeff said that 2 buildings have been condemned. He said that the house on Constantine Court will be replacing the foundation in April. The RV in the flood zone has a court date coming up as paperwork has been sent. Mayor Serrago said that it was okay to start using the permit application that has been worked on. Jeff also said the house next to Stewarts has been taken care of.

A comment was made that the old Roms garage was taken down. Nancy Poylo asked about the building next to the Athens Yard. Jeff said he had no update on that building.

Mayor Serrago said that the snow emergency code doesn't jive with what is on the street signs. She also asked Wayne to get her the numbers for fire calls.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the Village Board meetings held on January 18th, February 22nd, and January 25th, 2023 be approved:

Offered by Trustee Lipsman

Seconded by Trustee Scott

Record of Vote: all were in favor

Trustee Bradicich abstained for the January 18th meeting as he was not present. The February 22nd meeting was never sent by the clerk.

2. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment of Vouchers Presented on Abstracts

Offered by: Trustee Bradicich

Seconded by: Trustee Lipsman

Record of Vote: All were in favor

The voucher for the flooring in the clerk's office was pulled as the company needed to be contacted about an issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lawn mowing contract discussion
2. Public Hearing for tax cap-March 22, 2023

Board Members

Trustee Scott- He said that Jen Moritz would be coming back as the Recreation Director. He said he met with her and she would like to move away from the Learn to Swim Program. She would like to do Water Safety with the kids and give them more fun days at the pool.

Trustee Bradicich-nothing

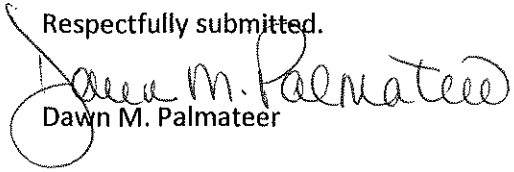
Trustee Lipsman-nothing

Wayne said the next meeting would need to be held at the Village Building as the firehouse is rented.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Bradicich, seconded by Trustee Scott to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn M. Palmateer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dawn M. Palmateer