

# **ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

## **January 14, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Chris Pfister, Trustee Tom Sopris, Trustee Herman Reinhold and Trustee Tim O'Leary.

DPW Director Dennis Proper, Fire Department Chief John Greco, Planning Board Chairperson Mark Levanway and Village Attorney Brent Stack were also in attendance.

*PLEDGE* to the Flag.

The Athens Fire Department had their 'fire truck committee' attend the meeting this evening to discuss the replacement of Truck E23 which they state is becoming obsolete.

The Truck Committee discussed the Truck that they would like the Village to purchase for them. They would also like the Village Board to put the purchase and bonding of this truck as a referendum on the ballot for the Election this March.

The Village Attorney will investigate the possibility of this further. There may be a time constraint given the fact that the 'specs' of the truck have not been formulated and the cost of the Bonding is vague at this point.

The Village Board also discussed the specifics of wording the Resolution for the Referendum so as to give the public options if they are to vote on the purchase of a new fire truck.

They will discuss the issue further at the Village Board Meeting held on January 28, 2009.

### **PUBLIC:**

1. Amy Goldberg and Yves Gerard. Re: ZBA and WAC Appointments.
2. Paul Petramale. Re: ZBA and WAC Appointments.
3. Kurt and Claire Parde. Re: ZBA and WAC Appointments.
4. Richard Greene. Re: ZBA and WAC Appointments.

All of the above people attended the meeting by invitation of the Mayor due to the fact that they have all showed interest in becoming members of either the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Waterfront Advisory Committee.

The Mayor thanked them for attending and summarized the duties of each Board and their responsibilities as members.

The Village Lawyer also listed some of the duties of the ZBA, as did Planning Board Chairperson Mark Levanwy.

Those attending as prospective Board Members were able to ask questions and also informed the Mayor as to which Board they would be interested in becoming a member of.

All Village Board Members thanked everyone for attending and the Mayor informed them that she would be in touch regarding Appointments.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Iroquois Gas Transmission System. Re: Grant Award of \$10,000.00 – Union Street Park/ Dog Park.
2. NYSDOT. RE: Upcoming Guide Rail Replacement Project.
3. Warren Hart, Director of Greene County Planning & Economic Development. Re: Term of office for Athens Representative Wayne Deyo.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee O'Leary, a.i.f., recommending that the Greene County Planning Board re-appoint Wayne Deyo to the Greene County Planning Board.

4. EAP Services of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Re: Renewal Agreement. The Village Board agreed to renew the contract- Mayor signs.
5. Mohawk Hudson Association of Village Officials. Re: Annual Dues.
6. USDA Rural Development. Re: Compliance Review results (letters A &B).
7. John M. McDonald Engineering, P.C. Re: WWTP – copy of letter written to Emmons Pump & Control, Inc.
8. NYS – Office of Community Renewal. Re: CDBG project number 56ED580-06.
9. Kleinke Associates- Ed Kleinke. Re: Waterfront Park Project.
10. Veolia. Re: Monthly Operations Report- November 2008.
11. Greene County Youth Bureau. Re: 2009-2010 State Budget.
12. Athens on the Hudson. Re: Amend notification of intent to apply for a license from the NYS Liquor Authority previously filed.
13. Director of Greene County Emergency Services. Re: Meeting Announcement.
14. United States Senator Charles E. Schumer. Re: 2009 Teaching American History Grant Program.
15. Rip Van Winkle Realty- Ronnie McCue. Re: Jason Duval Property- 20 N. Warren Street.
16. NYSDEC- Sarah H. Evans. Re: Athens Waterfront Park Project- Notice of completion of permit and publication of notice.
17. Crawford & Associates Engineering, P.C. Re: Solicitation.
18. Peckham Industries. Re: Invitation – President Elect Obama’s Proposed Economic Stimulus Plan.
19. Laberge Group. Re: Grant Development Services.
20. US Dept. of Commerce. Re: Census- list emergency shelters for the homeless.
21. John Cameron. Re: Request permission to use gym. A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee O’Leary, a.i.f., granting him permission as requested, as long as it does not interfere with the gym schedule as it is.
22. Catskill Mountain Wolf Center- John Piccola. Re: Filing of Annual Report.
23. NYSDEC. Re: C303199- Report filings.
24. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: Public Notice.
25. Shantz & Belkin. Re: Kogut v. Village of Athens.
26. The Main Street Band. Re: Solicitation.
27. Mohawk Hudson Association of Village Officials. Re: Invitation.
28. Greene County Real Property Tax Service. Re: 2009 Senior Citizen & Disabled Tax Exemption.
29. Greene County Landfill Fund. Re: Statement.
30. Small Cities. Re: Annual Performance Report.
31. Kevin Rea. Re: Historical Preservation Revolving Loan Fund.
32. Kenneth Treiling, P.E. Re: Proposed route of water and sewer lines- Roth Residence. A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, that given the application has already been put before the Village Board at a previous meeting, and that there are a couple of issues that need to be confirmed by Chris Pfister, and that given the resolved issues are agreeable with DPW Director Dennis Proper and Trustee Pfister, that the Application for sewer and water be approved, Trustee Sopris seconds the **RESOLUTION**, a.i.f.
33. KathodeRay. Re: Website.
34. UPS Drop Box. Village Board agrees that a drop box at the Community Center would be a positive thing. Mayor will sign agreement.
35. Rodney Geiger. Re: Hollister Lake.
36. Chris Pfister. Re: Copy of letter written to Rural Health Network - December 2008 Status Report/Village of Athens Fluoridation Project.
37. Director of Emergency Services John P. Farrell, Jr. Re: Appeal /FEMA.
38. Cossackie Area Chamber of Commerce. Re: Invoice.
39. Twin Counties Cultural Fund. Re: Announcement of recipients of Grant Funds.
40. Member of Congress Kirsten Gillibrand. Re: Projects to consider for Economic Stimulus Bill.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Marshall & Sterling Insurance Invoice received.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee O'Leary, a.i.f., to approve the payment of the following vouchers:

GENERAL – Abstract #1527 and #1528.

WATER- Abstract #10167.

SEWER- Abstract #10152.

Financial Reports for the month of December have been distributed to all Board Members.

Approve Minutes from Meetings held on November 24 and December 10, 2008. Approval put on hold until Trustee Reinhold receives a copy of December 10, 2008 Minutes.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., to purchase the extended warranty on the Dump Truck for a price of \$1225.00 from Ben Funk.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Pfister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f., approving application #4 for \$ 8,236.50 from K.C. Sunshine Enterprises for work done on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Launch Project.

Trustee Tom Sopris exits the Meeting at 9:30 PM.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Pfister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Reinhold Appointing Michael Siciliano to the ZBA, replacing Dan King immediately, term ending April 2013.

Trustee O'Leary votes aye.

Trustee Sopris absent.

Mayor Smallwood votes aye.

**RESOLUTION** passes.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee O'Leary Appointing the following individuals to the Waterfront Advisory Committee:

Claire Parde will fill the vacancy on the WAC left by Tim O'Leary's resignation effective immediately with term ending April 2010.

Paul Petramale will fill a presently vacant 5-year term commencing immediately and ending April 2014.

Trustee Pfister votes aye.

Trustee Sopris absent.

Mayor Smallwood votes aye.

**RESOLUTION** passes.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee O'Leary, a.i.f., to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

A MOTION was made by Trustee O'Leary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f. to exit Executvie Session and resume regular work meeting.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Pfister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee O'Leary, a.i.f. to adjourn tonight's meeting at 10:45PM.

Good night.

Mary Jo Wynne