

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES—July 24, 2013 Time: 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Christian Pfister, Trustee Herman Reinhold, Trustee Gail Lasher and Trustee Anthony Patsky.
Trustee Robert June absent.

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Ragaini was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Agenda

1. *Mike Pirrone, representing the Athens Senior Citizens Club*, attended the Meeting to thank the Village Board for their support of the club and also to introduce himself as the newly elected President of the club.
2. *Susan Grilli, resident of the Village*, attended the meeting for a few reasons.

Ms. Grilli stated that she just moved to the village (former Mattera residence) from Cape Cod and is presently looking for space to start a theatre company. She had looked at the old schoolhouse property located on Rt. 385 but that did not work out. She is considering looking into purchasing the property across the street from her property, depending upon whether there was access to water and sewer there. Ms. Grilli asked the Village Board if there was access to water and sewer?

Water and sewer access was discussed. It was determined that she should consult with the DPW Director as to where the actual access was to both sewer and water.

Ms. Grilli also asked about the possibility of holding fundraising events on her property. Would they need to have an outdoor noise permit?

The Mayor stated 'no'.

3. *John Cameron, resident of the Village*, attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of having the ban on archery hunting in the Village lifted.

Mr. Cameron provided the village board with some literature from NYSDEC on bow hunting.

He also mentioned some of the pros for lessening the deer population in the Village, for example, lyme disease, auto mishaps and destruction of gardens.

The Mayor stated that he felt there was a majority on the Village Board presently interested in lifting the ban. However, he would like Mr. Cameron to provide the Village Board with a map outlining the areas that they would like to designate for hunting before the next Village Board Meeting.

4. *Rick Surrano, on behalf of the Stewart House*, attended the meeting to discuss the outdoor entertainment permit application that he had already submitted. He would like to amend it a bit.

The Village Board discussed stipulations with Mr. Surrano.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes for the June 12th, June 26th and July 12th, 2013 meetings are accepted

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Clerk is authorized to pay the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1755, vouchers numbered #9912786 through #9912814 in the amount of \$22,389.73.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10281, vouchers numbered #9912816 through #9912823 in the amount of \$17,607.21. Abstract #10282, voucher number #9912830 in the amount of \$23.73.

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10249, vouchers numbered #9912824 through #9912829 in the amount of \$12,660.07. Abstract #10250, voucher number #9912831 in the amount of \$60.24.

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of New VFD for the Digester Control Panel at Wastewater Treatment Plant

WHEREAS, General Control Systems has examined the controls for the digester and determined that the VFD needs to be replaced

WHEREAS, the need for the VFD constitutes an emergency purchase,

WHEREAS, General Control Systems has been previously selected to provide operational software maintenance for the Village

WHEREAS, General Control Systems has stated that the price for the part and installation is estimated to cost \$2144.75,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens authorizes VRI to proceed with the purchase of the new VFD.

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

4. Motion to Issue Outdoor Entertainment Permit to the Stewart House

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

Trustee Reinhold stated that he would like the stipulations discussed by the Village Board to be written on the application.

5. Motion Approving the Appointment of Mary Jo Wynne as the Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary at a Salary of \$50.00 per meeting

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

6. Motion Approving the use of the Park by The Rock Solid Church West on August 18th provided that they be respectful with their noise level and also their cleaning up of the park when they are done for a Usage Fee of \$50.00

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

7. Motion Approving the Overnight Docking of the Dutch Ship Replica the 'Onrust' on August 2-3, 2013

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

8. Motion Approving that the Mayor be authorized to retain repair service for the testing of the efficiency of the aerial equipment on the Fire Truck

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

9. RESOLUTION Approving crediting Mr. Black's water/sewer bill for his North Warren Street residence for 2 quarters due to the fact that he was double charged for the past two quarters since the number of units in the residence was erroneously reported.

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

10. RESOLUTION regarding water/service charge for Peter Bruno's residence located at 69 ½ North Washington Street

WHEREAS Mr. Bruno has not been charged for water and sewer services since 1993

WHEREAS the information gathered from the Assessor in regard to the new re-valuation states that there is municipal water and sewer service for his property

That Mr. Bruno will be informed that he will be receiving a bill for water and sewer service as part of the September 30, 2013 billing period.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

Correspondence

1. Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application: Stewart House
2. Request from Rock Solid Church West to Use Park
3. Notice from State of New York Public Service Commission Inviting Comments on the West Point Partners LLC Proposal to Use Certain Maps and Photographs Under Article VII
4. Letter from Michael Black on Overpayment of Sewer and Water Charges

Mayor's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Water Meter Project
 - a. Where does project stand? RFP?
 - b. Development of Bid Specifications
 - c. Engineering Support
 - d. Timetable
 - e. Installation process
2. Park Plans: Need to Retain Landscape Architect or Engineer
3. NYMIR Facility Use Document
4. Gas expansion Update
5. I & I Project to Start July 29th
6. Fuel Oil Bids/Propane Bids
7. Street Festival Update
8. Jan Van Loon House

New Business

1. Use of D & C Lawn Care to Mow Lawns Found to be in Violation
2. New Village Signage
3. Peter Bruno Water and Sewer Service
4. Code Enforcement Enforcement

Clerk's Report

1. Audit Progress
2. Reconciliation of last year's budget
3. Addressing repairs in the water and sewer budgets

Trustee Reports

1. Update on Town Lease and Fire District Contract
2. Review of parking Lot Plan

Adjournment

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

Meeting is adjourned at 9:30PM

Mary Jo Wynne