

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2015 Time: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Bid Opening for Washer Dryer System AVFD- RESULTS:

1 bid received from Ben Gauch:

EH055I – Continental 55lb Commercial Gear Washer - \$13,750.00

C6-MU – Continental 6 unit Gear Dryer - \$7,345.00

Department Head Reports

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| 1. Department of Public Works | |
| 2. Fire Department | Adam Greco & Fire Dept. Applicant Christine Butta |
| 3. Code Enforcement | Mike Ragaini No show |
| 4. VRI | Dale Post |
| 5. Police Department | Roger Masse |
| 6. Legal | Tal Rappleyea |

PUBLIC:

1. *Stewart House representatives* attended the meeting to discuss the application that they submitted to the Village Board for use of the Athens Riverfront park for an antique car show to be held on September 19, 2015.

They stated that it would actually be an ‘after party’ event for the car show being held in Sleepy Hollow Lake. They would like to have some vintage cars parked in the park and provide some 50’s style music and some refreshments.

Trustee Lasher asked where they would have the food and music?

They stated that they were not completely sure but perhaps the gazebo.

Trustee June asked about the number of cars?

They stated that probably there would be at least 50.

Other issues were discussed such as parking on the grass, parking on the streets, how it will affect other businesses etc.

The Village Board stated that they would discuss it later and get back to them.

2. *Brock Jussola, Delaware Engineering, PC.*, attended the meeting to discuss the shared services study for wastewater treatment they are conducting between the Village of Athens and Sleepy Hollow Lake.

Mr. Jussola provided some of the material he has completed regarding this study to all Village Board members.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Board Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees, hereby, approves the minutes from the August 26, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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

2. Proposed Resolution Approving the Use of Riverfront Park

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees, hereby, approves the use of Riverfront Park by the Stewart House from 4:00PM to 7:00PM on September 19, 2015, for an Antique Car Show with the following stipulations:

The Village Board will be provided with a parking plan.
There will be no village streets closed.
No village streets will have 'show' cars parked on them.
The Village Board will set a limit on the number of cars allowed in the park.

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

3. Proposed Resolution Authoring the Mayor to Contract with Lamont Engineers, P.C.

WHEREAS, THE Village of Athens is under an Order on Consent from the NYDEC,

WHEREAS, the Order on Consent requires the cleaning of the backwash lagoon and the sludge setting lagoons,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has applied for inclusion on the DWSRF and CWSRF Intended Use plans,

WHEREAS, THE Village of Athens plans to use surplus funds to pay for this undertaking until a BAN or interim financing can be arrange with Environmental Facilities Corp. or other financial entity,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby the Mayor of the Village of Athens to sign a contract authorizing Lamont Engineers, P.C. to proceed with the preparation of the lagoon cleaning bid documents for Village of Athens Water Treatment Plant.

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

4. Proposed Resolution Approving Use of AVFD Firehouse

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, approve the use of the Athens Firehouse on September 26, 2015 for the Town Bicentennial Picnic.

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

5. Proposed Resolution Approving the Application of Christine Butta to be a member of the Athens Volunteer Fire Department

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Christine Butta a member of the Athens Volunteer Fire Department

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

6. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Tree Removal

WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne Boyer claims that the maple tree in front of his house is preventing him from installing solar panels on his property

WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne Boyer, has requested the removal of the maple tree located on Village property, at 9 North Vernon Street,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Athens authorizes the Mayor to contract for the removal the tree in front of Mr. Boyer's house at 9 North Vernon Street.

After much discussion A MOTION was made by Trustee Alberti, Seconded by Trustee Butler.

Again there was discussion among the village board regarding the solar panels, the health of the tree, damage to the sidewalks due to the tree roots, as well as the importance of keeping tree-scapes in the village and the time it takes to create them.

Mayor Pfister proposed the following amendment to the RESOLUTION:

That before authorization to remove the tree is given Mr. Boyer must first consult with a professional regarding the health of the tree. Secondly, he must consult with a professional to see if perhaps the tree can be trimmed as opposed to being cut down. Thirdly Mr. Boyer must pay a portion of the cost.

Mayor Pfister's amendment was seconded by Trustee Lasher
Trustee Alberti votes naye
Trustee Butler votes naye
Trustee June votes naye

Amendment to Resolution does not pass.

Again, vote on the original RESOLUTION with no amendment follows:

Offered by: Trustee Butler
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of Vote:

Trustee June votes aye
Trustee Lasher votes aye
Mayor Pfister votes naye

Mayor Pfister opposes this Resolution due to the fact that he thinks we may be setting a precedent for the future.

7. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Payment of the Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, the following vouchers are authorized for payment:

GENERAL – Abstract #1851, vouchers numbered #9915080 through #9915094 in the amount of \$5,962.34. Abstract #1852, voucher number #9915104 in the amount of \$78.45.

WATER – Abstract #10344, vouchers numbered #9915095, #9915097, #9915099, #9915100 and #9915102 in the amount of \$9,712.28.

SEWER – Abstract #10324, vouchers numbered #9915096, #9915098, #9915101 and #9915103 in the amount of \$10,350.16. Abstract #10325, voucher #9915105 in the amount of \$76.58.

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

8. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Use of Village Facilities

WHEREAS, the Victorian Stroll, sponsored by the Athens Cultural Center has successfully added annual enhancement to the winter season in the Village of Athens,

WHEREAS, in a letter dated September 8, 2015, the Athens Cultural Center has requested the use of the following facilities and resources for the Stroll:

- a. The closure of Second Street from Washington to Warren Streets during the hours of 1 PM to 5 PM.
- b. The closure of South Franklin Street in the area surrounding Crossroads Brewery during the hours of 1 PM until 3 PM.
- c. The use of Riverfront Park from 4 PM until 6 PM for activities to be determined.
- d. The placement of a Christmas tree at the entrance to Riverfront Park.
- e. The use of a small area to the rear of the firehouse for the horse drawn trolley.
- f. Use of the Athens Museum and gymnasium.
- g. Sign placement around the Village
- h. Police coverage especially at Second Street and Washington.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the use of the above resources by the Athens Cultural Center and the Victorian Stroll.

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

9. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Contract with Rodenhausen Chale LLP

WHEREAS, the Village's debt currently includes debt from two wastewater treatment project,

WHEREAS, the Village would like to have the this debt removed from its current constitutional debt limit,

WHEREAS, it is possible to apply to the Office of the State Comptroller for a request to exclude sewer debt from this calculation,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Mayor to contract with Rodenhausen Chale LLP to prepare such an application at a cost not to exceed \$1200.00

RESOLUTION tabled.

10. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Award of the washer/dryer bid for the AVFD

WHEREAS, the Village has advertised for bids and received one from Gauch Distributing, Inc. for a combined total of \$21,095.00

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the AVFD to purchase said items

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

11. Proposed Resolution to purchase High Band Frequency radios for AVFD from Wells Communications

WHEREAS, the Village has been advised by the Fire Chief to purchase these radios for the price of \$6,685.24

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the AVFD to purchase said items

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

Mayor's Report

1. Meeting with Sleepy Hollow Sewer and Water Committee. Brock report.
2. Meeting with Joe Iraci on DPW
3. Order on Consent Schedule and other Deadlines
4. Application to OSC for Debt Reduction
5. Offer for Used Water Meters
6. Water breaks
7. Tina Chaden Partial Lien Release

Trustee Reports

Communications

1. NYCOM: Reduction in Pension Rates for next year
2. NYSDOH: Notice of Monitoring Due
3. Varga: Statement of Indebtedness

Past Issues

1. Lagoon/Latest Plan
2. Lagoon financing
3. Fall maintenance

New Business

1. Candace Balmer, RCAP: Income study
2. Fee schedule
3. Col Greene Humane Society Dog Fees
4. DMap Deer program

Clerk's Report:

1. Water Meter Software
2. Update

Motion to Adjourn:

Time: 9:40PM

Offered by: Trustee June

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of Vote: All in favor