

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes—September 11, 2013 Time: 6:30 pm

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

*Pledge of Allegiance*

## Department Head Reports

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| 1. DPW                | Dennis Proper        |
| 2. Code Enforcement   | Mike Ragaini         |
| 3. Police             | Chief Roger Masse    |
| 4. Fire Department    | Chief James Robinson |
| 5. Water & Wastewater | VRI/Sabia            |
| 6. Village Attorney   | Tal Rappleyea        |

A MOTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters with the Chief of Police regarding the Appointment of a part-time Police Officer.

A MOTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to exit Executive Session and resume the regular work meeting.

## Motions and Resolutions

1. 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 #1759, vouchers numbered #9912931 through #9912955 in the amount of \$20,136.31

WATER FUND – Abstract #10285, vouchers numbered #9912963 through #9912966 and voucher number #9912968 in the amount of \$29,754.92.

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10255, vouchers numbered #9912956 through #9912962 and voucher number #9912969 in the amount of \$12,180.76

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Minutes for the August 28, 2013 Meeting.

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent of Public Works to Rent an Excavator.

WHEREAS, the DPW must complete extensive drainage work around the Municipal Building and on North Warren Street as well as hydrant installations and sewer repairs,

WHEREAS, the use of an excavator would save a considerable amount of valuable time,

WHEREAS, a survey of area dealers determined that lowest rental rate available was from CAT Rental,

WHEREAS, the CAT monthly rate for an excavator was \$2490.00 and the lowest rate for a grading bucket was \$100.00 per week,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Works is authorized to contract with CAT Rental for the rental of an excavator and grading bucket.

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

4. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Contract with Delaware Engineering to Update the 2008 Meter Survey and Bid Documents at a Price Not to Exceed...

Offered by:  
Seconded by:  
Record of vote:  
No Motion made.

5. Resolution Authorizing the Village Clerk to Issue a Request for Proposals for an Automatic Metering Recording System.

WHEREAS, the current water metering system in the Village of Athens is obsolete and in need of extensive repairs,

WHEREAS, parts are no longer available for repairs,

WHEREAS, this situation creates a situation where inequities exist in the billing system,

WHEREAS, the current system consumes a substantial amount of valuable time,

WHEREAS, the Village has retained Delaware Engineering to conduct a study of available options,

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering has determined that the Radio Read Option would provide the greatest value to the Village,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Clerk is authorized to Advertise for a Request for proposal for an Automatic Metering System.

Offered by:  
Seconded by:  
Record of vote:  
No Motion made.

6. Motion to Authorize the Village Attorney to Draft a Law Repealing Chapter 81, Trapping and Shooting in the Code of the Village of Athens.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Mayor Pfister  
Record of vote: All in favor

### **Correspondence**

1. Notice of Public Statement Hearings On Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation's Petition to Construct a Gas Plant Exercise Gas Distribution Franchises
2. Letter from Hess Corporation Announcing the Acquisition of Hess Energy Marketing by Direct Energy Business: Request for Consent
3. Complaint Concerning Overgrowth of hedge on Brick Row Extension
4. Complaint Concerning Conditions at 62 Second Street
5. NYS PSC Lifeline Discount Telephone Service

### **Mayor's Report Unfinished Business**

1. West Point Transmission Line
2. Central Hudson Gas Expansion
3. NYSDOH violations
4. Cyprian Films

### **New Business**

1. Code Red Alert System Gail & Herman
2. All Hazard Emergency Operations Plan-Need to Respond
3. Need to respond to complaints in writing
4. Visit to Delaware Engineering
5. Fire Truck Committee

### **Clerk's Report**

1. Audit Progress
2. Financial Reports
3. E-Code Project

### **Trustee Reports**

### **Adjournment - 9:15PM**

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