

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes—November 13, 2013 Time: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Mayor Christian Pfister, Trustee Herman Reinhold and Trustee Anthony Patsky.

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

Trustee Gail Lasher and Trustee Robert June were absent.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

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| 1. DPW | Dennis Proper |
| 2. Police | Sergeant Ed Tercasio |
| 3. Fire Department | Chief James Robinson |
| 4. Village Attorney | Tal Rappleyea |
| 5. VRI | Kenny Sabia |

PUBLIC:

1. *Mike Budris, representing Delaware Engineering*, attended the meeting to discuss the RFP which he had been hired to write for the Village in order to go out for bid on the purchase of new water meters for the Village.

The Village Board asked Mr. Budris several questions regarding the content of this document and also questions related to the implementation of the proposal as it relates to the installation of the meters.

Some changes will have to be made before the RFP is published.

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 #1766, vouchers numbered #9913096 through #9913123 in the amount of \$56659.68.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10289, vouchers numbered #9913137 through #9913145 in the amount of \$14,992.62.

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10260, vouchers numbered #9913124 through #9913135 in the amount of \$15,257.50.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Mayor Pfister

Record of vote: Trustee Patsky votes aye.

2. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Minutes for the October 23, 2013 Meeting.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

3. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Village of Athens to Share Tree Removal Cost

WHEREAS, Daniel and Susan Lalor own property abutting property owned by the Village of Athens,

WHEREAS, a major drainage ditch passes between property owned by the Village and property owned by Daniel and Susan Lalor,

WHEREAS, several trees and a quantity of brush has grown up in this ditch and created an unsafe situation,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby agree to assume 50% of the cost of the removal of this material for an amount not to exceed \$300.00.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

4. Resolution to Approve the Request of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. to Carry Out Excavation within a Village Right of Way

WHEREAS, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.(CHGE) has been given a franchise which provides them with the authority to install electric and gas utilities within the Union Street right of way (ROW) belonging to the Village of Athens,

WHEREAS, CHGE has received approval from the NYS Department of Public Service to install a gas distribution line that will run along Union Street in the Village of Athens,

WHEREAS, CHGE has retained Peckham Industries to assist in the installation of this gas distribution line,

WHEREAS, CHGE has reviewed the project with the Superintendent of Public Works who has approved its plans for this project,

WHEREAS, CHGE has agreed to restore all disturbed areas to their original state and accept industry standards for such restoration

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees grants CHGE and Peckham Industries the right to carry out excavation activities in the Union Street right of way.

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

5. Motion to Approve the Hiring of Roger Loran as a Member of the Athens Police Department

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

6. Resolution to Approve Payment Application for the Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation Project

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering has reviewed the work outlined in Payment Application #1 and found it to be satisfactory,

WHEREAS, the amount requested in this application is \$113,796.33

WHEREAS, the remaining balance for this project is \$390,740.59,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve Payment Application #1 by Insituform for the Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation Project

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

7. Resolution to Approve the Request of Lighttower to Carry Out Excavation Work within a Village Right of Way.

WHEREAS, Lighttower Fiber Networks has reached an agreement with Windstream MMR to attach fiber cable to its existing network,

WHEREAS, this installation necessitates the removal of pavement at the 4th Street Kayak Launch,

WHEREAS, Lighttower has provided the Village of Athens with a \$1000.00 performance deposit to assure proper restoration of any disturbed areas,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby grant Lighttower Fiber Networks, or its subcontractor, permission to carry out excavation work in the 4th Street right of way

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

8. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Return \$937.50 to Cyprian Films and to Close the Escrow Account

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

9. Motion to Accept Donation of New Pipe Locator from Peckham Industries in Return for a Contribution of \$500.00.

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

10. Multiple Requests for Use of Village Facilities

Motion authorizing Gary Cunningham usage of the gym as requested given the following stipulations:

- that he provide the village with a \$25.00 key deposit
- that all of those individuals using the gym sign a hold harmless form

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

Motion authorizing Little League use of the gym as requested after December 8, 2013 given the following stipulations:

- that he provide the village with a \$25.00 key deposit
- Provide the village with a certificate of insurance.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

Motion authorizing the Orioles Baseball team use of the gym given the following stipulations:

- that they provide the Village with a \$25.00 key deposit
- Provide the village with a certificate of insurance
- Since their application was flexible, that they schedule their activity around the other activities already scheduled.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister votes aye

11. K&M Stump Removal

Motion approving K&M Stump Removal's proposal in the amount of \$750.00 for grinding 11 stumps throughout the village.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Mayor Pfister

Record of vote: Trustee Patsky votes aye

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Application for Facility Use: Gary Cunningham/ Troy Orioles Baseball team, Athens Little League
2. Columbia-Greene Humane Society Contract
3. Fire Department Report for Town
4. Request to Excavate on 4thStreet: Lightower
5. Letter Announcing the Start of Construction on Gas Line: Central Hudson
6. National Grid Response to Letter Requesting Permission for Use of ROW

Mayor's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Applications for Facility Use: Gary Cunningham/Orioles Baseball Team
2. I & I Update
3. Relationship of Non-Profits and the Village
4. All Hazard Emergency Operations Plan-Need to Respond
5. Jan Van Loon House other options

New Business

1. Sewer Rates
2. Delaware Engineering Park Design Proposal
3. Budget Planning
4. November 25 Meeting

5. Architect for Community Center

Trustee Reports

Clerk's Report

Adjournment

9:30PM

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: Mayor Pfister vote

Mary Jo Wynne