

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Meeting —December 11, 2013 Time: 6:30 pm

## *Pledge of Allegiance*

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

## Department Head Reports:

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| 1. DPW              | Dennis Proper        |
| 2. Police           | Sergeant Ed Tercasio |
| 3. Code Enforcement | Mike Ragaini         |
| 4. Village Attorney | Tal Rappleyea        |

## **PUBLIC:**

1. *Doug Van Deusen and Francois G. Vedier, representing Lamont Engineers,* attended the meeting to introduce themselves to the Village Board. They provided the Village Board with informational brochures on the engineering firm.

The Mayor and the Village Board asked them several questions and discussed a number of possible upcoming projects.

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Minutes from the November 13 and November 25 Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes from the November 13 and November 25 Meetings are approved as previously amended

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

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 #1773, vouchers numbered #9913218 through #9913246 and vouchers numbered #9913257 through #9913258 in the amount of \$98,316.95.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10291, vouchers numbered #9913247 through #9913252 in the amount of \$10,501.77.

SEWER FUND- Abstract #10264, vouchers numbered #9913253 through #9913256 in the amount of \$9,155.52.

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

3. Proposed Resolution Supporting Efforts to Relocate the Preferred Route of the West Point Partners Project

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has reviewed the current preferred route for the West Point Partners Project Leeds Athens Road to Second Street to North Vernon Street to Union Street, to State Route 385,

WHEREAS, this route was developed upon the refusal of National Grid to accommodate the West Point Partners Project in its existing right of way,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens believes that the existing National Grid right of way offers benefits superior to the current preferred route,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens believes that additional studies are needed before it can support the current preferred route,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to continue to oppose the current preferred route in the regulatory process and to continue to promote the use of the National Grid right of way for the West Point partners project.

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

4. Motion to Approve an Outdoor Entertainment Permit for the Athens Community Day Committee

Offered by:  
Seconded by:  
Record of vote:

Tabled.

5. Motion to Approve the Use of Riverfront Park by the Athens Community Day Committee

Offered by:  
Seconded by:  
Record of vote:

Tabled.

6. Motion to Approve the Use of the Gym by the Greene County Traveling Baseball Team According the Availability of the Facility

Offered by:  
Seconded by:  
Record of vote:

Tabled.

7. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with the Columbia Greene Humane Society

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign a contract with the Columbia Greene Humane Society for the calendar year 2014.

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

8. Motion to Approve the Use of Riverfront Park by Clematis Garden Club

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from Eugene Hatton, County Legislator approving the use of excess grant funds by the Bunker Hill Dog Park
2. Rural Health Network: Biggest Losers Contest
3. NYS State Office of Emergency Management: FEMA Payment \$7720.92
4. Teamsters Local 294: Request for Meeting to Discuss New Contract
5. Invitation from Greene Land Trust: Open House at Willows Dec. 15, 1-4 PM

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Unfinished Business

1. Relationship of Non-Profits and the Village
2. Community Foundation Grants/Community Sign
3. WPP and A/C Projects
4. Handbook Development and Training

#### New Business

1. Sewer Rates
2. Water and Wastewater Plant Repairs
3. Recent damage to parking lot and future plans. Is additional lighting needed?
4. Second Street Problems
5. Backwash Study: where do we go from here
6. Schedule hearing for Sewer Rate Changes
7. DPW Contract

#### Trustee Reports

#### Clerk's Report

#### Adjournment

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

Time: 9:30PM

M. Wynne