

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, March 30, 2011

Members Present: Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustees Bob June, Herman Reinhold, Gail Lasher, Attorney Tal Rapplyea and Acting Secretary, Peggy Snyder

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.
Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Mayor Smallwood

Pledge to the Flag

George Stacey on behalf of the American Legion spoke and asked for permission to hold the Annual Memorial Day Parade. He would also like police for traffic control. The board said the American Legion could hold the parade and Mayor Smallwood would notify the Chief of Police of this event and the board members would participate in the parade. The American Legion will place flags on Central Hudson poles which is grandfathered in, if there were any issues with these placements, please direct to the Mayor. Mr. Stacey said the American Legion would like to thank the Village Board with the help with snow removal at their building over this past winter.

Mayor Smallwood awarded plaques for past village officials and employees and Trustee Bob June made a motion for the following proclamations. The motion was seconded by Gail Lasher, all in favor, motion carried.

Village of Athens Proclamation. This is to certify that the Mayor and Board of Trustees, Village of Athens, hereby designate David G. Cole In appreciated of devoted and invaluable services rendered to The Village of Athens as Honorable Village Justice from the years 2007 – 2011 given this 30th day of March, 2011. Andrea Smallwood, Mayor.

Village of Athens Proclamation. This is to certify that the Mayor and Board of Trustees, Village of Athens, hereby designate Tom Sopris in appreciation of devoted and Invaluable services rendered to The Village of Athens from the years 2007 – 2011. Given this 30th day of March, 2011. Andrea Smallwood, Mayor.

Village of Athens Proclamation. This is to certify that the Mayor and Board of Trustees, Village of Athens, hereby designate Dawn Palmateer in appreciation of devoted and invaluable services rendered to the Village of Athens as Court clerk from the years 2002 – 2011. Given this 30th day of March 2011. Andrea Smallwood, Mayor.

Opening of Bids for surplus truck

- Four bids were opened by Mayor Smallwood with used trucks of Tannersville being awarded the highest bid in the amount of \$627.00.

A Motion was made by Trustee Herm Reinhold to accept the highest bid, seconded by Bob June, all in favor, Motion carried.

Correspondence

1. Athens Community Garden Club: Re: Athens Riverfront Park
Mayor Smallwood stated that she is not sure if the Park will be finished in time for the June 11th Flag Day ceremony. She will have a site visit soon.
2. County Attorney Carol Stevens, Re: Emergency Alarm Ordinance
3. Country Horizons, Inc., Re: 90 acre piece of property on Route 385

4. Jane Hale, Re: Chief of Police
Letter of compliment to Chief Massey, which will be placed in his personal file.
5. NYSEDC, Re: Discharge Monitoring Reports available on the web
Mayor Smallwood stated that the reports must be submitted electronically now. Veolia will set up these accounts.
6. NYSEDC, Re: Athens Water Treatment Plant
The plant received an announced visit and received an unsatisfactory inspection of the drying bed and lagoon capacity. Mayor Smallwood will set a meeting with all parties involved to discuss this.
7. JNS Towers, LLC, Re: Cell Tower Development
A calendar was with informational letter
8. NYS EFC, Re: clean Water/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
9. Association of Property Owners of Sleepy Hollow Lake, Re: Emergency Action Plan
Flow chart of who is in charge, a copy to the Police and Fire Department and posted
10. NYSDOT, Re: CHIPS
11. Delaware Engineering, P.C., Re: Copy of Notice of Awards sent to Kingley Arms, Inc. and Stilsing Electric
12. NYS Public Service Commission, Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc.
13. Delaware Engineering, P.C., Re: Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project Execution of Contracts

Report from Mayor Smallwood

Dennis – DPW Vacation. A request for vacation was submitted by Dennis Proper from April 18-April 22nd. Approved by Village Board.

- Transition of the Courts is going smoothly. Last date is April 3 for David Cole’s term as village justice.
- Zoning Review –The Mayor distributed by email a new zoning review document for each Trustee to review. A meeting will be held prior to public hearing to review this document.
- Town Board member Robinson has contacted Mayor Smallwood that he would like to see the air conditioner that the Judge requested last August and was told to purchase given to the court. The air conditioner was never purchased. Attorney Rappleyea stated that since the Court has been abolished and it was not purchased before the Village Court dissolution, that it is not the Village’s responsibility to make this purchase now that it is a Town Court.
- Sewer – Rural Water has finished the GIS of the sewer system. Mayor Smallwood will put the report on the back desk for review. DPW are busy with raising the storm drains and breaking up snow and installing drainage at Rainy Park.
- Hess Electric –After switching electric purchasing to Hess Electric, the first invoices show a savings of about 1/3 off.
- Employee Hand book – Mayor Smallwood has given Trustee Reinhold a copy to work on. He is to look at the comp time and vacation use for his input
- Main Street – Mayor Smallwood will be having a meeting with CT Male for a Main Street grant for streetscape improvements for businesses and other buildings near the municipal parking lot.
- Council 82 – Mayor Smallwood indicated that the contract with Council 82 and the police will need to be amended for budgetary discussions. Attorney Rappleyea stated that the contract can be re-opened and amended.
- Insurance policy from Marshall Sterling – Trustee Reinhold suggested a review of insurance deductibles may realize some savings.

Trustee June motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion was seconded by Trustee Lasher. Executive Session entered at 7:30 pm. Motion was made by Trustee June to exit Executive Session and seconded by Trustee Reinhold. Executive Session ended at 8:04 pm.

Rental Agreement with Leah Rhodes – Attorney Rapplyea reviewed the lease and said it was fine. The monthly rent rate is \$400. Trustee Reinhold motioned to rent to Leah Rhodes the space upstairs for \$400 a month with the provision that she furnish insurance information. Motion was seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, motion carried.

Report from Trustee Lasher

Trustee Lasher stated that she needs to make contact for Lemonade Day

Report from Trustee Reinhold

- Committees for the Street Festival are set and everything is proceeding smoothly
 - Herby Blasewitz - Chairman, entertainment, tents, fireworks
 - Patty Whiteman – Treasurer
 - Vendors – Jeff Wood, Zack Wood, Brittney Wood
 - Sharon Palmateer – Program, information, sales
 - Alton & Betty Jean Poole – Car show, historian
 - Tom & Maury Moore – Program
 - Joanne Blasewitz – Information, sales
 - Bill Van Schaack – Emergency services
 - Chris Pfister – Golf Carts, porta potties
 - John Wynne – Demo area
 - Herman Reinhold – Village Board liaison
- Report from Trustee Reinhold filed with minutes*
- Volunteer appreciation Day information went out in the quarterly water and sewer bills.
 - Would like to look into who is receiving breaks on water bills and stop this procedure i.e.: churches, pool, Legion, etc.
 - The roads keep getting re-surfaced and now it is hard to get to the manholes. Would rather patch for several years and then re-claim road the right way. Dennis needs to share ideas on which roads to do first. Mayor Smallwood said that she agrees but it is twice as much to reclaim roads and we have very little CHIPS money to accomplish any roads this year.

Bills

Trustee June motioned to pay all bills, motion was seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor motion carried

Other Business

Mayor Smallwood stated that the budget that has been presented to everyone is a tentative budget and be reviewed by the Village Board after hearing public for cuts and adjustments before a final budget is adopted. The budget must be adopted by April 30, 2011.

Mayor Smallwood has distributed a draft of committee assignments for the trustees to review.

On Monday, April 4, 2011 there will be a meeting to do swearing in of appointees.

Trustee June motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Smallwood at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret M. Snyder
Acting Secretary