

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES – APRIL 22, 2015 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Christian Pfister, Trustee Gail Lasher, Trustee Peter Alberti and Trustee Marla Butler.

Trustee Robert June was absent.

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

*Pledge to the flag.*

PUBLIC AGENDA:

1. *George Stacey, representing the American Legion*, attended the meeting to request permission to hold the Annual Memorial Day Parade in the village on May 25, 2015. He also invited the Village Board to participate in the parade and asked if they would alert the Village police so they could provide traffic control.

The Village Board discussed the parade route. They will ensure that the police provide coverage for the event.

Mr. Stacey also informed the Village Board that the Legion is having a difficult time financially as they are losing membership and would like the Village Board to consider re-visiting the water/sewer bill charge for the building. It is becoming very difficult to pay the bills.

The Village Board stated that the water and sewer operations are very expensive to run and the customer base is unfortunately very small so the quarterly bill for the customer is high. Presently the American legion pays half the cost of a regular residence. Unfortunately it is not likely that the rate will go down.

2. *Gary Palmer, resident of the Town of Athens*, attended the meeting to discuss the fact that his property borders Hollister Lake (the Reservoir) owned by the village, and over the years the lake property has become overgrown with trees and bushes etc. Years ago he had a view of the Lake but he no longer can see it because of the vegetation.

Mr. Palmer would like to offer his services to help clear the overgrowth if he can get permission from the village.

Trustee Alberti and Mayor Pfister discussed the overgrowth with Mr. Palmer.

Trustee Alberti, whom also works for the Town of Athens, stated that he would take some pictures of the area and talk to the Town Highway dept and see if there was anything that they could do to help as well.

Mr. Palmer asked for permission to assist in the clean up. Can he and his wife help?

The Village Attorney stated that he can help as a volunteer, as long as we contact the Insurance Company and we define the job. It is not a problem.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution to approve the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes, as amended, for the March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting are approved

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

2. Proposed Resolution declaring items as surplus

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens, Hereby, declares the following items to be surplus equipment and of no use to the Village of Athens,

1. Approximately 750 Neptune 34x5/8" water meters
2. Quincy Compressor Model: OCO3008D000490
3. Quincy Air Dryer Model QHPR15
4. Assorted parts for FMC Link-Belt Flocculator
5. Peerless Cast iron boiler used 178,000 BTU

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

3. Proposed Resolution adopting the village of Athens Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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

4. Proposed Resolution appointing members of the Athens Street Festival Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, the names listed on the attached list are hereby appointed to be members of the Athens Street Festival Committee.

Offered by: Trustee Alberti

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

5. Proposed Amendment approving the payment of vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, payment of the following vouchers is approved, with the exception of the water and sewer vouchers, pending discussion with VRI.

GENERAL: Abstract #1837, vouchers numbered #9914665 through #9914682 in the amount of \$38,668.62.

WATER: Abstract #10332, vouchers numbered #9914683 through #9914689 and voucher number #9914695 in the amount of \$16,838.84.

SEWER: Abstract #10312, vouchers numbered #9914690 through #9914694 and voucher number #9914696 in the amount of \$11,106.48.

STREET FESTIVAL: Abstract #6, voucher #9914698 in the amount of \$202.50.

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

6. Proposed Resolution approving the Memorial Day parade route as submitted by George Stacey

BE IT RESOLVED, the submitted parade route for May 25, 2015 be approved and authorization to use Athens police department for coverage of the parade

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

## TRUSTEES REPORTING

### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation: Refinancing offer.
2. Letter from Lamont Engineering: Review of possible scenarios for financing construction of drying bed.
3. Proposal from Appolo for annual maintenance and start up for the firehouse furnaces.
4. Letter Teamsters Local 294 regarding failure to sign CBA.
5. Letter from Laura Bomyea, Young, Sommer, providing comments from the Village and Town on latest rounds of A/C proposals.

PAST BUSINESS:

1. Police coverage at E.J. Arthur (resolution dated 3/11/15)
2. Disposition of Code Project
3. Water Plant lagoon
4. SCADA
5. Update on WTPP contamination and costs

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cost cutting ideas. Hardly new, but hopefully with new vigor
2. FEMA reimbursement

Adjournment:

Time: 8:45PM

Offered by: Trustee Alberti

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

Athens Street Festival  
Volunteers 2014

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