

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2011

PRESENT: Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Herman Reinhold, Trustee Robert June, Trustee Gail Lasher and Trustee Anthony Patsky.

Fire Chief John Greco, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini, DPW Director Dennis Proper, Sergeant Tercasio and Village Attorney Tal Rapplelea were also present.

Pledge to the Flag.

Department Head Meeting.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor, to hire 2 new police officers (Gus Carlson and Richard Connel) that have just completed the police academy.

PUBLIC:

1. Brock Jusolla, representing Delaware Engineering attended the meeting to update the Village Board on the WWTP- phase II project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. U.S. Dept. of Commerce. Re: 2010 Census.
2. Greene County Highway Department. Re: List of supplies and materials. A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher to join with the County in purchasing items at the bid price. Letter will be sent to the County Highway Department.
3. Ronald A. Coons. Re: Bulletin Board in Riverfront Park.
4. Jesse W. Simmons. Re: Resignation.
5. Timothy Haberland. Re: Resignation.
6. Steffen G. Buck. Re: Letter of Interest- Athens Police Department.
7. Senator James. L. Seward. Re: Response to request for state funding.
8. NYS- Public Service Commission. Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express.
9. Lisa Heintz- Rip Van Winkle Tobacco Free Action. Re: Sample Resolution.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, approving a request for vacation time for Christopher Hendricks from June 20, 2011 through June 24, 2011.

The Village Board discussed the sample Resolution given to the Village Board by Lisa Heintz. Discussion ensued regarding which parks should be included in the

RESOLUTION and how the wording should be composed for Isabelle Rainey Park due to the fact that the VB would like to see it non-smoking while the league is in session but not after that since adults use the field for games. Some Village Board members think that the Riverfront Park should not be included in this RESOLUTION since activities there are more geared towards adults and it is a large enough 'open area'. However, the Village Green is the park that the Village Board agrees should definitely be 'smoke-free' all of the time since it is geared towards childrens activities.

A RESOLUTION will wait until Mayor Smallwood has time to speak to Ms. Heintz regarding wording on the signage.

MOTION made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving payment of the following vouchers:

GENERAL – Abstract #1654. Vouchers numbered #9910781, #9910783- 9910803 and #9910805.

WATER – Abstract #10223. Vouchers numbered #9910782, #9910806 and #9910801.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving the estimate/proposal for the purchase of a custom made sign by 3DeSigns Custom Signs in the amount of \$3600.00. The Village Board stated that they will not be soliciting other proposals or estimates due to the fact that it is a specialty item and the other signs around the village were built by the same vendor and the Village Board would like all of the signs for government locations to be consistent.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee June, to pay Brian Whiteman \$4,000.00 for damages which occurred in December 2010 to his sewer line due to a water break and had to be corrected by an outside contractor. This RESOLUTION passes pending lawyers review and a signed disclaimer letter irregardless of what amount the insurance company pays the Village.

Trustee Patsky votes aye.

Trustee Reinhold votes no.

Mayor Smallwood votes aye.

RESOLUTION passes.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving that the DPW purchase a set of steel road plates from Benson Steel for a price of \$2404.50. DPW Director has stated that he has received three quotes.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to remove the tax from the recently purchased Village owned Parking lot.

Financial Reports for the month of May have been distributed to Village Board Members.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Patsky, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM

Good Night!

Mary Jo Wynne