

## **ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

### **January 26, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Herman Reinhold, Trustee Tom Sopris, Trustee Robert June and Trustee Gail Lasher.

Chief of Police Roger Masse and Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea were also in attendance.

PLEDGE to the Flag.

#### **PUBLIC:**

1. *Herbie Blasewitz and Patty Whiteman* attended the meeting on behalf of the Athens Street Festival. They provided the Village Board with a financial report and committee update report.

The committee asked the Village Board for permission to hold this year's festival in the Riverfront Park on July 9, 2011. The Village Board granted them permission. Mr. Blasewitz stated that the committee has decided to dedicate this year's festival to R.J. Hummer.

Mr. Blasewitz also inquired as to when the Riverfront Park construction would be completed.

Mayor Smallwood replied that the completion date is set for the end of April. Due to the unusually inclement weather this winter there may be a slight delay in the completion, however they won't know this until the end of winter. No one has changed the date as of yet.

Trustee Reinhold asked that Mr. Blasewitz submit a list of members and their role, if any, on the street festival committee for the next Village Board Meeting so that the Village Board can approve them formally and the list be part of the Minutes.

Trustee Reinhold also mentioned that it would be a nice gesture if the Street Festival Committee could perhaps help out the Village with some of the extra expenses taken on by the Village due to the Street Festival or perhaps the committee could take care of some of the minor repairs or maintenance that need to be done in the park.

Mr. Blasewitz stated that the Committee has lost some of its financial sponsors this year and they are not anticipating a lot of extra revenue.

2. *Silas Basham, Treasurer of the Greene County Cruisers*, attended tonight's meeting to also inquire as to the status of the Riverfront Park construction. His

organization is planning their schedule for 'cruisin' events' and was hoping to use the park in Mid-May. Will this be possible?

Mayor Smallwood stated that May is very tentative and that they should not schedule their event at the Riverfront Park in May.

Mr. Basham inquired as to whether he should submit a request for their July, August and September events?

Mayor Smallwood stated that that would be fine.

3. ***Victor Cornelius, Endeavor ,Inc., grant writer***, attended the meeting to discuss his proposal for services again with the Board and discussed financing options for the WWTP- phase II.
4. ***Ronald Thorne, resident of the Village***, living on Warren Street, attended the meeting to discuss the Village's removal of snow in the front and the side of the National Bank of Coxsackie, located at the corner of Second and Washington Street. He would like to know why the Village is using their manpower and equipment to remove the snow from a private business. No one else gets this type of service.

Trustee Lasher noted that she did see the DPW Director Dennis Proper removing the snow from the front of the Bank with his own vehicle one day.

Mayor Smallwood stated that all four corners will be done.

Mr. Thorne stated that he spoke to the Mayor on the phone regarding this issue and that was not how the conversation went at that point in time.

Mayor Smallwood also stated that it was a snow emergency and during snow emergencies the Village can remove snow wherever they deem necessary for the safety of pedestrians and vehicles.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution #43-11, #42-11 and #23-11.
2. Crossroads Brewing Company, Inc. Re: Application-NYS liquor Authority-renewal of liquor license.
3. Application for use of Community Facilities- gym. Re: Martial Arts Class. Approved by the Village Board under the condition that he provide a certificate of Insurance naming the Village of Athens as additional insured.
4. George Obremski. Re: Response to letter dated 12/22/10 – noise issue.
5. Marie & Charles Hunt. Re: Snow plowing and removal.
6. NYS Dept. of Health. Re: Lead/Copper Rule- testing.

7. Greene County Board of Elections. Re: Official number of registered voters for the Village.
8. Clerk-Village of Athens. Re: Petition for referendum.
9. Dockside Grill and Dockside Grill and Tiki Bar. Re: Application-NYS liquor Authority- renewal of liquor license.
10. C.T. Male. Pay application #2 for C.D. Perry and sons- Waterfront Park Project. MOTION made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to approve payment to C.D. Perry and Sons in the amount of \$103,232.70.
11. NYS – DOH. Re: Monitoring Notice.
12. NYS – DOH. Re: Fluoride levels.
13. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express.
14. Leslie Reed. Re: Application for use of the gym for a small playgroup. MOTION made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

At the request of Chief of Police Roger Masse, a RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Reinhold to allow Phil Sopris to intern with the Athens Police Department as long as Mr. Sopris signs a release form protecting the Village from liability. Trustee Lasher votes aye. Trustee Sopris abstains from voting due to the fact that Phil Sopris is his son. RESOLUTION passes.

At the request of Chief of Police Roger Masse, a RESOLUTION was made appointing Mike Veeder, Jr. from the civil service list to the position of part-time police officer for the Village of Athens.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving the Minutes from the Village Board Meeting held on December 15, 2010.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee Lasher, approving the Minutes from the Village Board Meeting held on January 12, 2011, Trustee Reinhold abstains due to the fact that he was not at the Meeting. Trustee June votes aye.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, for the Village to send out RFP's for auditing services.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor to accept Victor Cornelius proposal for services/grant writing to secure financing through grants in WWTP- phase II

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving the following vouchers for payment:  
GENERAL – Abstract #1630. Vouchers numbered 9910475 through 9910500, totaling \$175,065.37.

WATER – Abstract #10212. Vouchers numbered 9910501 through 9910505, totaling \$18,591.71.

SEWER – Abstract #10185. Voucher number 9910506 in the amount of \$11,884.52.

TRUST & AGENCY – Abstract #10260. Voucher number 9910507 in the amount of \$397.88.

MOTION made to adjourn meeting at 9:30PM.

Good night! Enjoy the cold and snow!

MJW