

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes—February 26, 2014 Time: 6:30 pm

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

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

*Pledge of Allegiance.*

## **Public Agenda:**

1. *Herby Blasewitz, chairperson of the Street Festival Committee*, attended the meeting to discuss the upcoming Street Festival (July 12, 2014) with the Village Board.
2. *John Pulice, village resident*, attended the meeting to complain about the way that the Village handled the snow removal after the last snowstorm. Especially in regard to Washington Street which he feels is the most congested and busy.

Mayor Pfister stated that this past storm was one of the heaviest snowstorms this area has had in 20 years and despite the lack of equipment necessary to remove the snow in an efficient manner and the fact that it was a weekend as well as a holiday he feels the streets were plowed enough to be passable in as timely manner as possible.

## **Motions and Resolutions**

1. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2014 Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting are hereby approved.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

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 #1782, vouchers numbered #9913416 through #9913441 in the amount of \$28982.99

WATER FUND— Abstract #10296, vouchers numbered #9913443 through #9913448 in the amount of \$1279.00

SEWER FUND— Abstract #10269, vouchers numbered #9913449 through #9913452 in the amount of \$3646.39.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for the Water Filtration Plant for the Village of Athens Wastewater Treatment Plant and the

BE IT RESOLVED,  
Offered by: Trustee Lasher  
Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold  
Record of vote: All in favor

4. Proposed Resolution Establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Brick Row Wastewater Treatment Plant

BE IT RESOLVED,  
Offered by: Trustee Reinhold  
Seconded by: Trustee June  
Record of vote: All in favor

5. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Defibrillator

WHEREAS, the use of defibrillators has been proven to assist in the saving of human life,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens did apply to the Athens Community Foundation for a grant to cover the cost of a new defibrillator for the Athens Police Department,

WHEREAS, the Athens Community Foundation did award the Village of Athens said grant,

WHEREAS, Physio-Control has been awarded a NYS Contract for its Lifepak Defibrillation System,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Athens Police Department to purchase a new defibrillator from Physio- Control at a cost of \$1779.15 plus freight.

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

6. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Contract for the Installation of Gym Flooring

WHEREAS, the floor covering in the gym stairway is in need of replacing,

WHEREAS, estimates were obtained from two out of three potential vendors,

WHEREAS, the lowest estimate was received from Tip Top Floor Covering in the amount of \$4539.13,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Mayor to contract with Tip Top Floor Covering for the installation of new floor covering in the Gym hallway, with the necessary funds to be drawn from the Gym Reserve Fund and the General Fund as needed.

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

7. Proposed Resolution Establishing the Date of a Public Hearing on a Local Law Authorizing Tax Cap Override

BE IT RESOLVED, a hearing will be held on March 12 for the purpose of receiving comments on a proposed local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law &3-c.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

Communications:

1. Greene County: March 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting on Ambulance Service
2. Central Hudson: Availability of Economic Development Funds
3. Robert Wager: Resignation. Motion made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor accepting Robert Wager's resignation.
4. NYCOM: Legislative Program
5. NYS Department of Public Service: Confirmation of award of intervenor funds for A/C Matters

Mayor's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Update on WPP and A/C Projects:
2. Volunteer Awards
3. Final hydrant installation estimate
4. Water meters
5. DPW Contract

New Business

1. Street Signage
2. Engineering Contract for DPW Garage
3. Credit Card Payment Options
4. Caravan Theatre
5. Snow Emergency Analysis
6. FY 2014-15 Budget
7. Bathroom Roof Leakage and Suggested repair
8. Personnel Changes at VRI

Clerk's Report

Trustee Reports

A MOTION was made to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of collective negotiation pursuant to the Taylor Law made at 9:05PM.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold

Record of vote: All in favor

A MOTION was made to leave Executive Session at 9:45PM.

Offered by: Trustee June

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

### Adjournment

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

Mary Jo Wynne