

# VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes—March 12, 2014 Time: 6:30 pm

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

## *Pledge of Allegiance*

The Mayor opened the meeting with a **Public Hearing** on the Proposed Law Authorizing an Override of the Tax Levy Limit.

The Mayor asked if there was any public input.

Ron Puhalski stated that he would like the Village Board not to override the tax cap. He is against the override.

The Mayor stated that the Village Board does not have any plans to override but they want the law in place in case they need to override. The Village Board would like to keep their options open.

Motion made by Trustee Herman Reinhold to **close the Public Hearing**.

## **REGULAR MEETING OPENED.**

### **Department Head Reports**

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| 1. DPW              | Dennis Proper      |
| 2. VRI              | Dale Post          |
| 3. Police           | Chief Roger Masse  |
| 4. Fire Department  | Chief Jim Robinson |
| 5. Village Attorney | Tal Rappleyea      |

### **Motions and Resolutions**

1. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Minutes  
BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes from the February 26, 2014 Meeting be approved.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher  
Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold  
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 #1784, vouchers numbered #9913459 through #9913479 and voucher number #9913491 in the amount of \$19,107.93.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10297, vouchers numbered #9913480 through #9913485 in the amount of \$7,710.28.

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10271, vouchers numbered #9913486 through #9913490 in the amount of \$6181.81.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold  
Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution on Type II SEQR Determination for Union Street Culvert Project  
(See Attached)

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

4. Proposed Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Joint Permit for the Union Street Culvert Project

WHEREAS, an examination of the Union Street culvert has revealed severe deterioration,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the present design of the roadway at this site would benefit from a widening of the street,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has solicited a proposal for engineering services from Lamont Engineers for the design of the Union Street Culvert project.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor and Lamont Engineers to submit a Joint Permit Application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Army Corps of Engineers authorizing certain areas of work on the Union Street Culvert Project.

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

5. Proposed Resolution Granting New York State Department of Environmental Conservation access to the Village of Athens Right of Way

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

6. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Members to the 2014 Athens Street Festival Committee  
BE IT RESOLVED, the following individuals are hereby appointed to the Athens Street Festival Committee for the Year 2014 (See attached list)

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

7. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Use of Gym Capital Reserve Funds for the Replacement of the Community Center Gym Stairway Flooring (See attached)

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

8. Motion to Accept Settlement of Claim Made Against Village by Diana Kalbacher in the amount of \$500.00

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

9. Resolution Authorizing the Request for Proposal for Engineering Services

WHEREAS, the current Department of Public Works Garage is in need of extensive renovations and repairs,

WHEREAS, the current DPW is functionally inadequate for the demands of the DPW,

WHEREAS, the site of the current DPW Garage does not allow for expansion,

WHEREAS, the Village owns sufficient property to allow for the construction of a new garage,

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of the Board of Trustees that the Village should initiate the process of constructing a new DPW Garage,

WHEREAS, sufficient funds for this purpose currently exist in the DPW Garage Capital Reserve Account,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor is, hereby, authorized to solicit proposals for engineering services to design a new DPW Garage.

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

10. Proposed Resolution of Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, THE Board of Trustees does, hereby, authorize the appointment of David Deyo to the position of Sergeant in the Village of Athens Police Department

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

11. Proposed Resolution executing temporary easements and associated documents with surrounding neighbors to the Union Street Culvert project.

WHEREAS the village of Athens is engaging in the application and union process with NYSDEC and US Army Corps of Engineers for the replacement of the Union Street Culvert and

WHEREAS, it may become necessary to enter on the private property owned by surrounding neighbors to the project.

Now therefore it is hereby RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Village of Athens is hereby authorized to execute temporary easements and associated documents with Margaret Matturo, Jane and Paul Wais, Dennis Proper, Anna and Thomas Ciampa and Quaker

Ridge Capital Corp. or other nearby owners for the purpose of completing the said culvert project.

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

12. Resolution to accept application for the fire department. Applicant Michael Borfitz is authorized to join the Athens Volunteer Fire Department.

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

13. Resolution to pass a local law to override the New York State tax levy limit.

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

### **Correspondence**

1. Notice from CDPHP: Available Health Insurance Plans for 2014.
2. Letter: Problems at North Vernon Address
3. Bid on Ambulance
4. Notice: March 17 Training Session on Civil Service Procedures
5. Letter NYSDOH: Annual Water Quality Report Publication due May 31
6. NYSDPS: Procedural conference on West Point Partners Project scheduled for March 20
7. Lamont Engineering Proposals:
  1. Union Street Culvert Permit Application
  2. Inundation Map and Dam Inspection
8. NYSDEC: Annual Inspection of WTPP's.

### **Mayor's Report**

#### **Unfinished Business**

1. DPW Contract Counter Offer
2. Water Meter Bids
3. Dam Certification and Inundation Map Costs

#### **New Business**

1. Meeting with Randy Squier on Shared Services
2. Oil and Propane Bids
3. Firehouse Heating Problems
4. Little League Contract
5. Signature on Town Fire Protection Contract
6. Repairs to the Court Room
7. Labor Law Compliance/Perma

### **Trustee Reports**

#### **Clerk's Report**

1. Year to Date Expenditure Status

## **Adjournment**

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

Time: 9:30PM