

ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2010

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

Trustee Tom Sopris absent.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini, DPW Director Dennis Proper, Fire Department Chief John Greco and Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea were also in attendance.

PLEDGE to the Flag.

PUBLIC:

1. *Silas Basham, resident of the Village*, attended the Meeting to ask the Village Board if Third Street could be blocked off from traffic from the Firehouse entry up to the Edward J. Arthur Elementary School entry on July 24, 2010 for a Cruiser Event that evening.

The Village Board will get back to Mr. Basham after discussing it with the Fire Chief and the DPW Supervisor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Robert J. Van Valkenburg – Greene County Solid Waste. Re: Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.
2. Twin Counties Cultural Fund. Re: Recipients of Grant Funds.
3. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to examine the Safety of Consolidated Edison Company of New York Inc.s Electric Transmission and Distribution Systems. Notice Soliciting Comments.
4. Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini. Re: 29 North Franklin Street.
5. James M. Reynolds, Mid-Hudson Cablevision, inc. Re: Penalty check for overdue franchise fee sent to the Village.
6. Marsha Alia- Rivertown Housing Development. Re: Water/Sewer bill. The Village Board asked that the Mayor inquire as to whether they could pay a portion of the bill in good faith. If so, then no penalty will be charged since they have always been good customers and they are at the mercy of the State presently, as are a lot of programs due to the State Budget not being passed.
7. NYSEFC- CWSRF. Re: EFC acceptance of WWTP application documents.
8. Public Service Commission. Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express Procedural Conference.
9. Upstate Testing & Controls, Inc. Re: Water Plant SCADA additional work.
10. Shakespeare on the Hudson. Re: NYS Liquor Authority Application.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A MOTION was made by Trustee June, 2nd by Trustee Lasher, a.i.f., to approve payment of the following vouchers:

GENERAL FUND– Abstract #1597

WATER FUND – Abstract #10195

A MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, 2nd by Trustee June, a.i.f, approving the Minutes from Meetings held on April 14, April 20 and April 28, 2010.

Financial Reports have been distributed to all Board Members.

The Village Board discussed Jim and Peggy Toronto's Water Service Bill for a broken water service at their residence on N. Franklin Street. The Toronto's received a bill for services rendered by the Village DPW for repairing a broken water service. The Toronto's are disputing the bill due to the fact that they claim that the service was leaky and when the DPW tried to fix the leak they broke the service.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee June, a.i.f., to adjust Jim and Peggy Toronto's bill by deducting the cost of the labor. The bill will only be for the cost of the materials.

The Village Board agreed to have the Greene Business Alliance submit an application for grant assistance to the NYS Dept. of State and Environmental Conservation to initiate activities in the Village of Athens under the Brownfield Opportunity Areas (BOA) program ('Notice of Intent to Participate' attached).

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee Lasher, a.i.f., to adjourn the meeting this evening at 9:00PM.

Signing off.....

Mary Jo Wynne