

**VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING**  
Minutes – August 8, 2012

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

Assistant Fire Chief Adam Greco, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini, DPW Director Dennis Proper, Sergeant Ed Tercasio and Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea were also present.

Ken Sabia, representing VRI and Brock Juusola, representing Delaware Engineering were also present.

*Pledge to the Flag.*

Department Head Meeting.

**APPLICATION:** Athens Fire Department. Applicant: Lubera. Sponsor: ?  
No paperwork or application provided for the record.  
The Village Board approved the applicant.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, authorizing the purchase of a portable lighting system for the Athens Fire Department in the amount of \$1500.00. Two quotes were received for this equipment and Garrison was the lowest price at \$1500.00.

**PUBLIC:**

1. *Bill Roehr, Grant writer for the Town of Athens*, attended the meeting with Town Councilperson Gene Hatton.

Mr. Roehr attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of the Village being co-applicant with the Town of Athens for grant monies from the 'Safe Routes for Schools Grant' program. The scope of the project would be to fund the installation of sidewalks on Third Street exiting the Edward J. Arthur Elementary School.

Mr. Roehr explained that the program originates from federal money through the Department of Transportation. It is a 100% grant program intended for infrastructure and non-infrastructure programs.

He also informed the Village Board that there would be a workshop soon to discuss the program further.

The Village Board and Mr. Roehr discussed the grant further.

The Village Board thanked him for attending this evenings meeting and they will get back to Mr. Roehr with a decision as to whether they are interested in pursuing monies from this grant.

Councilperson Gene Hatton attended the meeting to present the Village with a copy of a letter that he will be submitting to the NYS Public Service Commission regarding the sale of CH Energy Group, Inc. et al. to Fortis Inc. et al.

Councilperson Hatton is recognized as an ‘interested party’ on behalf of the joint Task Force of the Town and Village of Athens during this process and as such will be kept apprised of all correspondence from the NYS Public Service Commission as it relates to the sale. He will in turn keep the village informed. This status will hopefully allow the Town/Village to reap benefits to its residents by perhaps providing a natural gas infrastructure.

The Village Board discussed the on-going process with Councilperson Hatton and thanked him for attending the meeting and asked to be informed regularly.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution No. 239-12 Awarding Bid for #2D Diesel Fuel.
2. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution No. 240-12 Awarding Bid for Gasoline.
3. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution No. 241-12 Authorizing Municipalities to participate in county purchases for #2D Diesel Fuel and Gasoline. A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to ‘piggy back’ with the County and be allowed to purchase #2D Diesel Fuel and Gasoline from the same vendor and at the same price as the County bid price.
4. Stephenie Weatherly, Administrator - Home Sweet Home of Athens, Inc. Re: Sidewalks.
5. Marshall & Sterling. Re: Policy # PE462330401.
6. Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning. Re: Greene County Planning Board; Planning and Zoning Referrals; 239 Review.
7. Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning. Re: Ellen Rettus Planning Achievement Awards.
8. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution No. 232-12 Rescinding Resolution No. 400-07 and adopting the following schedule of prices for tax maps, map, related items and postage and handling.
9. NYS Division of Alcohol Beverage Control. Re: Renewal Application- Cameo’s Restaurant.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

GENERAL- Abstract #1714, vouchers numbered #9911831 through #9911848 in the amount of \$48,116.66.

WATER – Abstract #10253, vouchers numbered #9911850 through #9911852 and vouchers numbered #9911856 through #9911858 in the amount of \$6978.97.

SEWER – Abstract #10223, voucher number #9911849, vouchers numbered #9911853 through #9911855 and voucher number #9911865 in the amount of \$1926.30.

YOUTH – Abstract #56, vouchers numbered #9911859 through #9911864, in the amount of \$1171.98.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, accepting Change order #2 from Contract #2, and also approving Change order #2 through #5 for contract #1 for the WWTP-II project.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, approving final payment to Stilsing Electric for the WWTP.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to accept River Valley Radio's proposal for equipment needed for Narrowband radio.

The following RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June;

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens granted Lee Allen and Nancy Palmateer a mortgage in the amount \$20,000.00 on or about June 24, 2004 through the Revolving Fund Loan Project for repairs to the building located at 35 Second Street, Athens, N.Y. and

WHEREAS, the Palmateer's intend to refinance the primary mortgage on the subject property and the new financial institution has requested that the Village accept a subordinated position to the new financial institution (RBS citizens), and

WHEREAS, the mortgage balance is expected to be entirely satisfied on or about August 25, 2012, and there appears to be no reason to deny such request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Athens hereby agrees to take a subordinate position to RBS Citizens for the purpose of refinancing the primary mortgage on the above property and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to achieve same.

RESOLUTION seconded by Trustee Patsky.

Trustee Reinhold votes aye.

Trustee Lasher votes aye.

Mayor votes aye.

RESOLUTION passes. (RESOLUTION attached)

A RESOLUTION was made, subject to Permissive Referendum, by Trustee Reinhold,

that in order to repair broken hydrants in the village and install hydrant shut off valves, \$24,000.00 from the Mortgage tax received in July for re-finance of U.S. Generator be transferred to water savings/meters Capital Projects Fund.

Seconded by Trustee Patsky.

Trustee Lasher votes aye.

Trustee June votes aye.

Mayor votes aye.

RESOLUTION passes.

The Village Board discussed the evolving Employee Manual and the fact that there needs to be a 'workplace violence' policy included in the Manual.

The workplace violence policy was discussed at length.

They will review it.

MOTION made to adjourn the meeting at 10:15PM.

Happy trails!

Mary Jo Wynne