

**ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING/  
PUBLIC HEARING  
September 23, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Tim O’Leary, Trustee Tom Sopris, Trustee Herman Reinhold and Trustee Robert June.

Village Attorney Tal Rapplelea was also in attendance.

*PLEDGE* to the Flag.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – The Mayor stated that the purpose of tonight’s Public Hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed revised Vehicle and Traffic laws for the Village. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing to PUBLIC comment.

Residents voiced concern about lowering the Speed Limit in the Village.

Two residents thought it was unnecessary whereas the rest of the public (12) attending the meeting were in support of lowering the speed limit.

The issue of enforcement was discussed.

Parking was also discussed.

One resident wanted to know if the new vehicle and traffic law was going to be enforced after this evening – or what the next step would be. Will there be revisions after comments are heard this evening?

Mayor Smallwood stated that they would be discussing the comments and ‘fine tuning’ the law, however, if there are no major changes in the text then the Village Board will probably pass the law this evening. They will consult with the lawyer regarding the process if changes have been made.

A resident stated that she wishes that the Village Board would hold another Public Hearing on this issue since she feels that the Public is not aware of the changes that will be made, especially if there are more changes coming.

There will probably not be another Public Hearing regarding the traffic law since the Village Board has been discussing this issue for over 2 years.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Sopris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee June, a.i.f., to CLOSE the Public Hearing and open the REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Peckham Industries. Re: Construction Project.
2. Henry Hudson Youth Soccer League- Wayne K. Sutherland. Re: Request to use gym. A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f., to approve use of the gym as requested.
3. Friends of Athens Riverfront Park – Keith Rodan. Re: Request to use Riverfront Park. A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee O’Leary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f., to approve use of the park as requested.
4. Dorner & Kosich- Attorneys at Law. Re: Pine View Realty – Water rates. Refer to Village Attorney.
5. John M. McDonald Engineering, P.C.. Re: Harkins Mechanical & Construction – application for payment #20 – final.
6. Tectonic. Re: Solicitation – NYSDEC Dam Regulations.
7. NYSDEC. Re: Sampling Results – SPDES permit NY 0025291.
8. The American Legion – Ray C. Brooks. Re: Request to hold a flag burning ceremony on October 14, 2009.

9. The Assembly – State of New York, Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb. Re: People’s Convention to Reform New York.
10. State of New York – Department of State. Re: Soliciting Grant Applications.
11. Greene County Emergency Svcs. – John Farrell. Re: Grant Opportunities for Cities for Energy Assurance Planning.
12. Professional Auction Services. Re: Online Auction Service.
13. Assembly Minority ‘sex offender watch’ task force. Re: Invitation to a roundtable discussion.
14. C.T. Male Associates, P.C. Re Application for 2009 Parks Development Grant. Athens Waterfront/Ferry Slip Park.
15. Chris Baswell, resident at 98 Second Street. Re: Response to letter written by Ron Coons to the Planning Board Chairperson and copied to the Mayor and Village Board regarding the building permit for his property.
16. Mark Levanway, Chairperson of the Village of Athens Planning Board. Re: Response to Ron Coons letter to the Planning Board concerning Mr Baswell’s property located at 98 Second Street.
17. Greene County Industrial Development Agency, Hugh Quigley. Re: Notice of Public Hearing / Crossroad Brewing Company Straight Lease Transaction.
18. The Assembly State of New York. Re: Authority Reform Act of 2009- A.2209-C. ‘Tabled’ until next meeting so that all Trustees may read the literature.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Approve the Minutes from Athens Village Board Meeting held on September 9, 2009. Wait until next meeting.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., approving payment of the following vouchers:

GENERAL- Abstract # 1568  
 WATER- Abstract # 10182  
 SEWER- Abstract # 10165

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee June, a.i.f., that given the fact that Cocksackie-Athens School has notified residents that they have determined that there is no need for a ‘late’ bus to travel from Cocksackie to Athens during the school week for those students participating in extracurricular activities, that the Athens Village Board **is in support of continuing transportation** to Athens from Cocksackie for those participating in the activities. The Village Board opposes discontinuing this transportation for Athens students.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee June, a.i.f., that DPW Foreman Anthony Proper, given the fact that he has been promoted from DPW Laborer to Foreman, receive an increase in pay of \$1.00 per hour (retroactive from August 28, 2009). After 90 days from August 28, 2009 (November 28, 2009), Anthony Proper will be given a review with the possibility of another increase in pay.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f., that the Executive Summary Documents for the Comprehensive Plan are approved for Public Hearing. The Village Board would also like Nan Stolzenburg (Planner) to provide them with a cost estimate on having her attend the Public Hearing for questions and comments.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee June, a.i.f., approving the Vehicle and Traffic Law as amended.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee O’Leary, a.if. to adjourn tonight’s meeting at 9:15PM.

GOOD EVENING!

Mary Jo Wynne