

**Village of Athens**  
**2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015**  
**Monthly Meeting, March 26, 2014**

Members Present: Mayor Chris Pfister, Trustees Herman Reinhold, Anthony Patsky, Attorney Tal Rapplyea and Acting Secretary, Peggy Snyder

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.  
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Pfister

Pledge to the Flag

**Public Agenda**

- **Ralph Vendriesco: Community Center Gym**  
Ralph accompanied Brendan Percy who would like to use the gym for basketball with a group of men and would like to know what he has to do. Brendan was given a form to complete that would be reviewed by the Board. All men would have to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement also.
  
- **Carol Pfister: Main Street Revitalization and the Athens Cultural Center**  
Ms. Pfister asked that the Board once again apply for this grant to do work on the back of the Cultural Center building, put heat on the second floor so they can hold classes, continue work on the outside of Crossroads Brewery building and some other façade work on other buildings along Second Street. Ms. Pfister also asked that the Board consider using the \$70,000 remaining money in grant to purchase the Apfeld property behind the bandstand in the park so the view shed will be protected.

**Motions and Resolutions**

1. Proposed resolution to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2014 Meeting.  
Tabled until next meeting
  
2. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Appropriation Transfers  
Tabled until next meeting
  
3. Proposed Vouchers for payment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes payment of the following vouchers as presented:

**GENERAL FUND** – Abstract #1785, vouchers numbered #9913495 through #9913510, in the amount of \$13,696.91.

**WATER FUND** – Abstract #10298, vouchers numbered #9913511 through #9913514 and voucher #9913520 in the amount of \$8,394.70.

**SEWER FUND** – Abstract #10273, vouchers numbered #9913515 through #9913519, in the amount of \$13,745.39.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of Vote: 3-0, Motion carried

4. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Bids for Water and Wastewater Chemicals

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for chemicals used in the water and wastewater treatment processes.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of Vote: 3-0 Motion carried

5. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Bid for Lawn Mowing Services

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for lawn mowing and trimming services.

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold

Record of Vote: 3-0, Motion carried

6. Proposed Resolution authorizing the Mayor to Contact with Columbia-Greene Workforce New York.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with Columbia-Greene Workforce New York for the participation in its summer employment program for youth at no charge to the Village.

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold

Record of Vote: 3-0, Motion carried

7. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Hiring of Khrystyna Yefremova

*Discussion: Both Roger and Chris have interviewed this person, she is from Hunter.*

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the hiring of Krystyna Yefremova as a member of the Village of Athens Police Department at no expense to the Village of Athens and, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Athens agrees to sponsor Khrystyna Yefremova for Phase 2 of her Police Academy training.

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold

Record of Vote: 3-0, Motion carried

8. Proposed Resolution Establishing the Date for a Hearing on the 2014-2015 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens will hold a public hearing on the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, on April 9, at 6:30 P.M. at the Athens Municipal Building.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of Vote: 3-0, Motion carried

9. Proposed Resolution Authorizing Application to the Central Hudson Main Street

*Discussion: Village Attorney Rappleya stated there is no conflict of interest by Mayor Pfister voting on this resolution. Trustee Reinhold and Trustee Patsky are in agreement that there is no conflict of interest.*

Revitalization Program

WHEREAS, Central Hudson has established a grant program to help communities to rebuild and revitalize their urban centers,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens recognizes a need to rehabilitate several of its downtown structures and public areas,

WHEREAS, The Second Street corridor is vital to the economic future of the Village,

WHEREAS, the Crossroad Brewery and the Athens Cultural Center have successfully demonstrated the ability to generate traffic to the business district,

WHEREAS, Riverfront Park is a valuable asset to the Village and the surrounding areas and attracts thousands of visitors throughout the year,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens authorizes the submission of an application to the Central Hudson Main Street Revitalization Grant Program.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of Vote: 3-0, Motion carried

### Communications

1. Letter from David Ludwig re: Impact of West Point Partners Project
2. Memorandum from Greene County Public Health re: Rabies prevention follow-up for cat bite on North Vernon Street
3. Notice from Greene County Real Property Tax Department re: Availability of Tax Map Prints
4. Ruling Public Service Commission re: Need to establish date for re-submission of proposals in line with the Governor's proposal
5. Letter from North American Transmission re: Update on A/C Transmission Application Process
6. Legislator Gene Hatton: County Resolution Opposing the New Capacity Zone
7. Central Hudson re: New Proposed capacity Zone
8. Summons: Theresa and Alfred Williams vs. Village of Athens  
*Must be answered by 4/2, Attorney Rapplyea handling and also will ask for quarterly report*
9. Central Hudson re: Introduction of the Main Street Revitalization Program
10. Lamont Engineering re: Proposal for Dam Inspection and Inundation Map  
*Mayor Pfister getting more pricing on this project*

### Mayor's Report

- Attorney Rapplyea is looking at Code revisions
- Firemen are interested in Village support for purchase of new fire truck. They are looking into a demo model. Attorney Rapplyea stated it is possible that a demo model would not have to go out for bid as it would be considered a used vehicle
- Looking to see what fines and fees need updating
- Looking into possible fee for turning water back on from non-payment
- Following up with two burned out properties
- Possible change in date for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting
- Met with Ken Landin of Crossroads who is concerned about the downtown area
- Turbidity in water system due to water main breaks

### Unfinished Business

- Update on WPP and A/C Projects  
*Mayor attended conference last Thursday, stages of process, AC project need to resubmit proposal*
- Water meters

*Mayor looking at a few companies, took tours of other communities, very comfortable with two systems but more money than third system*

- DPW Contract
- Dam EAP and Inspection  
*Getting more pricing*
- Union Street Culvert  
*Waiting on easement*

### **New Business**

- FY 2014 – 2015 Budget  
*Reviewed after formal meeting*
- Reorganizational Meeting and Committee Assignments  
*Meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup>, please let the Mayor know what committee's you would like to sit*
- Furnace at Firehouse  
*The furnace is working but not well, the Mayor will ask resident with HVAC training to look at system*
- Fire Department Banquet April 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Attorney**

- Reorganizational meeting  
April 7, 2014
- Procurement policy changes  
The Mayor is checking with County to see what they are using
- Water Meter decision
- Pending claims
- Pending transfers from reserve accounts  
*Checking to see if resolution needed for referendum*

### **Clerk's Report**

- **None**

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

- First Street residence should have permit on it. Trying to get them into the Planning Board earlier than the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Given permit to reinforce the floor.
- North Washington Street apartment house across from Church, sending notice to owners in NYC for clean-up.
- Howard Zar home, still working on windows
- Oakes, taking more pictures to bring to Board
- The properties that the Mayor has requested he look at he will be getting to soon
- *Mayor Pfister stated that it is getting unlicensed/abandoned car time again and to keep on top of it*

### **Trustee Reports**

- Trustee Reinhold
  - Has written a newspaper article highlighting events and happenings in Athens and given to Mayor for review
- Trustee Patsky
  - Checked with Village of Coxsackie how they handle Police Officers and sponsoring for schooling
    - Sign contract to work for one year
    - Will not be covered under Workers Compensation because not paid
    - Limit number that we sponsor each year
    - Need to figure in actual cost to Village (time in paperwork)

Mayor Pfister thanked Trustee Reinhold for his many years of service and his dedication to the position and the Village of Athens.

Review of Budget

Motion to adjourn made by Trustee Reinhold and seconded by Trustee Patsky, vote 3-0, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 by Mayor Pfister.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret M. Snyder*  
Acting Secretary