

**ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**February 11, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Chris Pfister, Trustee Tom Sopris, Trustee Herman Reinhold and Trustee Tim O'Leary.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini, DPW Director Dennis Proper, Fire Department Chief John Greco, Planning Board Chairperson Mark Levanway and the Village Attorney Brent Stack were also in attendance.

*Pledge to the Flag.*

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING.

PUBLIC:

1. *Kathleen M. Packard, representing Kathode Ray*, attended the meeting by invitation to discuss the possibility of designing the Village's website. The Village has received a grant for the purpose of creating a website and recently received a proposal from Kathode Ray.

The Village Board discussed the proposal and asked several questions regarding the content of the site.

The Village Board thanked her for attending and informed her that they would be in touch.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corporation. Re: Survey.
2. Columbia-Greene Federal Credit Union. Re: Information.
3. John M. McDonald Engineering. Re: Copy of correspondence to Emmons Pump.
4. Anthony M. Coons. Re: Copy of notice to subdivide.
5. NYS Dept. of Transportation. Re: CHIPS.
6. Greene County Legislature. Re: RESOLUTION No. 24-09 invitation to participate in county purchase for diesel and gasoline. **RESOLUTION** No. 55-09 in opposition to Governor Paterson's proposed youth development block grant.
7. Greene County Cruisers. Re: Request for permission to hold 'Cruisers' event.
8. Gary Cunningham. Re: Request to use gym. **MOTION** made by Trustee Pfister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f., granting Mr. Cunningham use of the gym as requested.
9. Kathy Rector. Re: Athens Dog Park.
10. Zion Lutheran Church. Re: Request for handicapped parking places.
11. NYCOM. Re: NYCOM/Empire State Report.
12. Greene County Interim County Administrator. Re: Resolution in opposition to NYS Senate Bill 56 for 2009 (Amending Public Lands Law and Real Property Tax Law) and NYS Assembly Bill 156 for 2009 (Amending Public lands law and Real Property tax law to reduce state payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS) and freeze payments for taxes on state owned lands).
13. Mitzi L. Merlino, U.S. Census Bureau. Re: Request to use Meeting Room. **MOTION** made by Trustee Pfister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., allowing the census bureau to use the meeting room as requested.
14. NYS DOH. Re: Monitoring Notice – Feb 2009.
15. Empire State Development. Re: Request for proposals. Restore NY Communities initiative- round 3.
16. Delaware Engineering, PC. Re: Sara Grant Application.
17. Chris Pfister. Re: Flower Program. A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee O'Leary, that given the fact that Trustee Pfister would like to continue the Flower Program, and given the fact that the flower program in the Village is a positive and successful program, that the Village Board agree to

move forward in finding a way to allow Chris to continue use of the Village Truck in order to water the baskets. Trustee Sopris votes aye, Mayor Smallwood votes aye and Trustee Pfister recuses himself from voting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Pfister, a.i.f., that given the fact that the County is raising the maximum income limit for senior citizens and the disabled to 19,500 with a sliding scale for the year 2009, the Village will do the same for senior citizens and the disabled.

Financial Reports for the month of February have been distributed to all Board Members.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., granting the Mayor the authority to offer President Vince Seeley \$30,000.00 for their used aerial ladder fire truck, under the condition that Catskill re-certify the truck.

Trustee Sopris would like to go on record as commending the Fire Chief for truly looking at the needs and the financial condition of the Village while contemplating the next fire truck purchase and deciding to recommend the used truck as opposed to the new one.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., to approve the expense, up to \$5,000.00, of Fire Department training for the aerial ladder and tower ladder, if funds are available, and in the event that we do purchase the used fire truck from the Village of Catskill.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Pfister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., declaring the 1984 International Dump Truck as surplus property to the Village and therefore the Village will advertise the property for sale.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Pfister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., declaring that the Harder Sanding Box that was on the Dodge Pick up Truck owned by the Village is surplus property and therefore the Village will advertise the property for sale.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee O'Leary, a.i.f., to enter into Executive Session to discuss contractual issues.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Sopris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f., to exit Executive Session and resume the regular work meeting.

A **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Pfister, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f., to approve payment of Harkins Invoice for Change order #4 (WSIP) in the amount of \$2,225.25.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee O'Leary to adjourn tonight's meeting at 10:00PM.

Adios Amigos!

Mary Jo Wynne