

ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES - February 27, 2013

Pledge to the Flag.

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

Trustee Gail Lasher absent.

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also in attendance.

PUBLIC:

1. *Herbie Blasewitz, Chairman of the Athens Street Festival Committee*, attended the meeting to submit a letter requesting funding from the Village for this year's festival and also stating the date for the upcoming year.

2. *Lindsay Palmateer, Athens resident*, attended the meeting to ask the Village Board what would be required, if anything, for her to place a food trailer on property, which she has permission from the property owner to do so, located on State Route 385 between Peckham Materials and the NYS Boat Launch?

The Village Board asked her various questions regarding parking, Health Department permitting and property location.

The Village Attorney suggested that she consult with the Code Enforcement Officer for the Village. He should be able to provide the information needed as far as zoning and permitting on the property.

Trustee Reinhold stated that the Village Board encourages new businesses in the Village and he hopes that she does well.

3. *Mary Beth Bianconni, representing Delaware Engineering, inc.*, attended the meeting to provide an overview of the Wastewater Treatment Project from beginning to end. She also provided an overview of the NYSDEC conference call recently completed with Delaware Engineering and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The outcome of the conference call with DEC was that the village is not going to borrow any more of the money allotted to them until the order on consent is guaranteed to be lifted after plans for I&I work have been completed and approved by NYSDEC. Also the Brick Row WWTP has to come off the order on consent as well. This needs to be in writing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NYS Department of Labor. Re: Amendment to Section 27-a of the Labor Law-emergency escape systems for firefighters at risk of entrapment at elevations.
2. NYS EFC. Re: CWSRF Project No. C4-5430-02-00 – Project site inspection.

3. Catholic Charities of Columbia and Greene Counties. Re: Suicide Prevention Awareness Day.
4. New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR). Re: Managing Recreation Liability Claims and Litigation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A MOTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues.

A MOTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor, to exit Executive Session and resume the Regular work meeting.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to schedule a Public Hearing on March 13, 2013 at 6:30PM for the purpose of hearing Public Comment on the 2% tax cap override.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, recommending that the proceeds from the Brinkerhoff Run, if any, go to the Athens Food Pantry.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to transfer \$75000.00 from the Mortgage tax proceeds received as a result of the U.S. Generator refinancing to the Water Savings/Hydrant repair/meter replacement Capital Reserve Account.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor approving payment of the following vouchers:
WATER – vouchers numbered #9912407 through #9912414 in the amount of \$5,758.69. (Abstract #10266)
SEWER – vouchers numbered #9912402 through #9912406 in the amount of \$2,679.06. (Abstract #10237)

A MOTION was made by Trustee Patsky, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving payment of the following vouchers:
GENERAL – vouchers numbered #9912385 through #9912401 in the amount of \$28,417.94. (Abstract #1735)

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, fully supporting the position of the Joint Task Force of the Town and Village of Athens as filed and accepted on June 25, 2012, as it relates to the Joint Petition of Fortis, Inc., et al and CH Energy Group, Inc., et al for the Approval of the Acquisition of CH Energy Group, Inc., et al, by Fortis, Inc., et al and Related Transactions before the Public Service Commission – Case #12-M-0192. (RESOLUTION attached).

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving the submission of an application for funding through Local Government Efficiency Grant Program through New York State. (RESOLUTION attached).

The Village Board discussed the contract for General Code Publishers. A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, to sign the contract, contingent upon the Attorney approving the contract as well, and send them a down payment on work to be completed in the amount of \$6,000.00, which is currently in our budget.

A MOTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor, adjourning the meeting at 9:15PM.

Good Night!

MJ Wynne