

# **VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING**

Minutes - April 10, 2013 Time: 6:30 pm

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

Trustee Gail Lasher enters the meeting at 6:53PM.

Fire Chief Jim Robinson Jr., DPW Director Dennis Proper, Chief of Police Roger Masse and Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

## **Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing to public comment on the Tentative Budget.

Resident Pat Mcloughlin asked for clarification on a number of the line items listed on the budget. Ms. Mcloughlin also thanked the Village Board for keeping the tax rate down.

Mayor Pfister stated that in the future it will be difficult to stay within the 2% cap while trying to accomplish projects that need to be done in the Village.

The reporter from the Catskill Daily Mail asked what changed on the Tentative Budget since preliminary budget discussions had a rate decrease of 4%.

The Village Board mentioned that they increased some of the amounts transferred into Capital Projects/Special Reserve accounts since they felt it was important to build the amounts in these accounts up for future purchases which will be needed. Some other small increases were made.

It was noted that the increase is still a decrease of less than 1%.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor to adjourn tonight's meeting at 6:50 PM and enter into the Regular Work Meeting.

## **REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING BEGINS.**

### Department Head Reports

1. Public Works – Dennis Proper
2. Fire Department – John Greco
3. Police Department- Chief of Police Roger Masse
4. VRI- Ken Sabia

### Priority Discussions

1. Report on Final Stage of Wastewater/I&I Improvement Project: Mary Beth Bianconi, Delaware Engineering

## 2. Discussion of Long-Term Financing for Wastewater Improvement Project

### Motions and Resolutions

1. Approval of Minutes for April 1, 2013: Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees does accept the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on April 1, 2013

Offered by: Trustee June  
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky  
Record of vote: all in favor

Approval of Minutes, with amendments as noted by Trustee Reinhold, to accept the minutes of meetings held on February 13, February 27, March 13 and March 27, 2013

Offered by: Trustee June  
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky  
Record of vote: all in favor

2. Proposed Resolution to Bid I&I Work (See attached)

Offered by: Trustee June  
Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold  
Record of vote: all in favor

3. Proposed Resolution: Adoption of Rules of Procedure  
Be it Resolved, that the Village of Athens adopts the attached Rules of Procedure to govern the conduct of its meetings and it is further, Resolved, that Mayor and the Board of Trustees will evaluate the Rules of procedure and make changes as needed, from time to time, by resolution.

Tabled until next meeting.

4. Proposed Resolution: Approve the payment of vouchers  
Be it Resolved, that the Village of Athens approves payment of the following vouchers:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1740, vouchers numbered #9912465 through #9912500, and vouchers numbered #9912504, 9912508 and 9912514 in the amount of \$47,129.56.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10270, 10271 and 10272, vouchers numbered #9912505-#9912507 and vouchers numbered #9912509 through #9912513 and voucher number #9912522 in the amount of \$19,544.30.

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10240, vouchers numbered #9912515 through #9912521 in the amount of \$17,924.58.

### Correspondence:

1. Notice of Claim: Theresa and Alfred Williams

Adjournment (9:00PM)

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: all in favor

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