

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes—August 13, 2014 Time: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Department Head Reports

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| 1. Fire Department | Chief Adam Greco |
| 2. DPW | Dennis Proper. No show. |
| 3. Police | Ed Tercasio |
| 4. Village Attorney | Tal Rappleyea |
| 5. Code Enforcement | Mike Ragaini. No show. |
| 6. VRI | Dale Post |

The Village Board discussed the Bond Resolution for the Ladder Truck and the results of the Permissive Referendum Process.

The Clerk stated that two petitions were received in the village office without the required number of signatures, therefore they were rejected.

As a result of this the clerk will be signing an ‘affidavit as to no petition’ stating that no petition was filed in the village clerk’s office in a number equal to at least 20% of the total number of electors in respect to the Resolution as adopted.

The Village Attorney discussed the possibility of rescinding the former Resolution and passing a new Resolution subject to Mandatory Referendum.

Trustee Patsky stated that he thought that there was enough public interest in this purchase where it should be brought to a vote by the people.

Discussion continued.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Village Clerk to Advertise for Bids on a Ladder Truck

BE IT RESOLVED, the Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for a ladder truck upon completion of the bid documents.

Offered by: Trustee June
Seconded by: Trustee Alberti
Trustee Lasher votes aye.
Trustee Patksy votes no.
Mayor Pfister votes aye.

RESOLUTION passes

2. Proposed Resolution Approving the Adoption of Proposed Local Law #3: Public Nuisance of 2014

WHEREAS, from time to time buildings, structures and real property are used in a manner that is detrimental to the community,

WHEREAS, those detrimental uses may range from violations of the New York State Penal Code to violations of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code,

WHEREAS, code enforcement personnel often find that current regulations do not always provide adequate enforcement tools for dealing with this wide range of problem properties,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens is faced with an increasing number of properties whose condition detracts from the community at large,

WHEREAS, further proliferation of such properties hinders development efforts and lowers property values of neighboring parcels,

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2014, at 6:30 P.M., a public hearing on proposed Local Law #3, 2014: Public Nuisance,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens does, hereby, adopt Local Law #3, 2014: Public Nuisance

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote:

Trustee Robert June votes aye.

Trustee Anthony Patsky votes aye.

Trustee Gail Lasher votes aye.

Trustee Peter Alberti votes aye.

Mayor Christian Pfister votes aye.

RESOLUTION passes.

3. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Carry Out Emergency Purchase of Return Sewage Pump

WHEREAS, VRI has informed the Village that one of the two pumps that deliver return sewage, has failed,

WHEREAS, an investigation into the repair of this pump has indicated that the manufacturer is no longer in business and that parts are not immediately available,

WHEREAS, if the second pump were to fail, the system would be essentially dysfunctional,

WHEREAS, VRI has contacted a number of manufacturers for estimates with two estimates returned,

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering has reviewed the estimates and the pump specifications,

WHEREAS, Shrier-Martin Process Equipment delivered the lowest responsible bid,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the mayor to contract with Shrier-Martin Process Equipment for the purchase and installation one Sulzer ABS pump in the amount of \$15, 978.00 with the funds to be secured from the Sewer Repair Capital Reserve Account and GB8130.4 Sewer Expense Contractual Account.

Offered by: Trustee June

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of vote: All in favor

4. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Additional Water Meters

WHEREAS, there are a small number of commercial customers whose water supply is delivered through 3/4 and 1 inch meters,

WHEREAS, these meters were not included in the original water bid because the exact number was unknown,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that 6- 3/4 inch meters and 6- 1 inch meters will serve the immediate need,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Superintendent of Public Works is hereby authorized to expend up to \$4000.00 to purchase the additional meters with funding secured from the Water Savings and Hydrant Replacement Reserve Fund.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of vote: All in favor

5. Motion to Allow the Athens Community Day Committee to Hang Banner Over Second Street

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

6. Proposed Resolution Approving Payment for Court Room Renovation

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens Court has indicated a desire to repair damage to the wall of the current court room and to repaint the interior,

WHEREAS, the estimate for the cost of the project is \$5200.00,

WHEREAS, a grant has been secured for partial funding of the project

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens has agreed to contribute \$1500,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the payment of \$1500 to the Town of Athens as its part of the renovation project with monies coming from the appropriation A1620.4.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

7. Motion to Allow the Athens Cultural Center Presque Ballet to Use the Gym on September 13 from 5-10 PM

Offered by: Trustee Alberti
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of vote: All in favor

8. Proposed Resolution to Authorize Payment of the Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, the following vouchers are authorized for payment:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1805, vouchers numbered #9913902 through #9913918 in the amount of \$12,204.04.

WATER FUND- Abstract # 10310, vouchers numbered #9913923 through #9913924 in the amount of \$1022.57.

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10286, vouchers numbered #9913922 and #9913925 through #9913926 in the amount of \$937.86.

YOUTH FUND – Abstract #67, vouchers numbered #9913919 through #9913921 in the amount of \$1731.52.

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of vote: All in favor

9. Proposed Resolution granting permission to Caravan Stage Co. to put on a performance in the village of Athens on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 through Friday, August 22, 2014 in the evening aboard their ship in the river alongside the Athens Riverfront Park.

Offered by: Trustee June

Seconded by: Trustee Alberti

Record of vote: All in favor

Communications:

1. Flu Shot Schedule: Athens Senior Center
2. Herman Reinhold: Community Day Banner and Schedule
3. Landmark Consulting Proposal for Municipal Building Renovations
4. NYSDEC: New wetland maps
5. Greene County Emergency Services: Hazardous Waste Seminar
6. Barton & Loguidice: New Fee Schedule
7. Young Sommer: Quarterly Report for Intervenor Funding Request
8. Proper & O’Leary: Draft EAP for Dam/Draft Inundation Map

Trustee Reports

Mayor’s Report

Unfinished Business

1. DPW Contract Status
2. Workforce Investment Employees
3. Dam Inspection
4. HVAC System at Firehouse
5. Insulation of Firehouse
6. Community Volunteer Awards
7. Outdoor Entertainment Permit-How is it working?

New Business

1. Park Vandalism
2. Meeting with Supervisor Iraci on future of Municipal Building
3. Update needed for web site
4. Street Festival Committee
5. Snow Emergency Law Discussion

Clerk's Report

Adjournment: 9:30PM

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor