

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING
August 26, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Tim O'Leary, Trustee Tom Sopris, Trustee Herman Reinhold and Trustee Robert June.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini and Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea were also in attendance.

PLEDGE to the Flag.

APPLICATION: CGCC POLICE ACADEMY. **APPLICANT:** Timothy Haberland. A MOTION was made by Trustee Sopris, 2nd by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f., sponsoring the Applicant to attend Columbia Greene Community College Police Academy with no commitment to hire him when he has completed the academy.

PUBLIC:

1. *Henry Yost.*

The Village Board invited Athens resident Henry Yost to attend the Village Board Meeting this evening so that the Village can present him with a certificate.

Trustee Tom Sopris presented Mr. Yost with a certificate in recognition of his on-going commitment to keep his neighborhood clean by daily picking up trash along North Vernon Street. Mr. Yost has been doing this for many, many years. The Village Board also informed Mr. Yost that a street sign has been made and will be posted on North Vernon St. as the 'adopt a street' by Henry Yost.

Trustee Sopris also commended him for his years of service as a volunteer opening the Community Center gym doors to all of the youth in the Village on Friday night for basketball games.

Mr. Yost was very pleased and honored to accept this award.

2. *Mrs. Brian Portu* attended the meeting to inform the Village Board of an on-going drainage problem she is having in the front of her house on Warren Street. The problem has become worse since a new modular was placed next to her.

Mayor Smallwood stated that Dennis is aware of the problem and that their residence is on the list of people that need to be taken care, hopefully this year- if not then next year. She also mentioned that drainage problems are numerous throughout the Village and correcting them is on-going. An engineer has also been working with the Village to rectify these problems.

3. *Ron Coons.* Re: Request via letter to attend meeting to inquire on status of Grant.

No show.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NYSOPRHP. Re: Brandow, William, House – Rt. 385 – Considered to be nominated to the National and State Registers of Historic Places.
2. Town of Athens Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals. Re: Site Plan Review and height variance – 763 Schoharie Tpk
3. Patricia Fleming. Re: Tree.
4. Mayors against illegal guns. Re: Invitation to join.
5. Greene County Legislature. Re: Amendment to RESOLUTION #153-09 Bid price.
6. Central Hudson. Re: Transmission utility easements.
7. NNY Productions- Peter Bobrow. Re: Request to film in the Village.
A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee O’Leary, a.i.f., that the Village allow the use of the section of Water Street specified in the letter to be a location for the film ‘shoot’, contingent upon the local residents and businesses being in agreement and with the proper insurance, emergency care and dependent upon the nature of the film.
8. Ronald A. Coons- Concerned Citizen and Taxpayer. Re: Request to be placed on tonight’s meeting to discuss the Upstate Regional Blueprint Fund Grant Application.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, 2nd by Trustee O’Leary, a.i.f., approving payment of the following vouchers:

GENERAL – Abstract #1565.

WATER – Abstract #10181.

SEWER – Abstract #10164.

Approve Minutes from Village Board Meetings held on July 8, 2009 and July 22, 2009. Approval will wait until next Village Board Meeting.

Financial Reports for July have been distributed to all Village Board Members.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, 2nd by Trustee June, a.i.f., that As per the ‘Record Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1’ provided by the NYS Archives and Records Administration Government Records Services the Office would like to remove the following records from the records room to be destroyed:

Paid invoices and claims from 1999- 2001.

Bank deposit slips/statements from 1999- 2001.

Abstracts from 1999-2001.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., amending a RESOLUTION formerly made at a Village Board Meeting dated May 23, 2007, regarding Health Insurance Coverage for former employees. (RESOLUTION attached).

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, 2nd by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., after interviewing applicants for the position of Crossing Guard, that Roy Turcotte be appointed to the position of Crossing Guard.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, 2nd by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f. to re-appoint Alvin Dallas as Crossing Guard for the Village.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Sopris, 2nd by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f., to enter into Executive Session at 8:06 PM to discuss Personnel issues.

A MOTION was made by Trustee O'Leary, 2nd by Trustee June, a.i.f., to exit Executive Session at 8:48 PM and resume the Regular Work Meeting.

A MOTION was made to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:48PM.

Good Night!

Mary Jo Wynne