

## **VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING Minutes – October 24, 2012**

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

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

*Pledge to the Flag.*

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, to enter into Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation; and employment history of a particular person in matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

Michael and Christine Beers, along with their son were present.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to exit Executive Session and resume the regular work meeting.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning. Re: Subdivision filing.
2. NYSDOH. Re: Notice of Violation.
3. Greene Health. Re: Fluoridation.
4. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. for a certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public need.
5. VRI. Re: Water Systems Operation Report- September 2012.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, acknowledging that there are 2 positions open for Trustee and 1 position for Mayor open for the March 19, 2013 Village Election.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Patsky, seconded by Trustee June, passing Local Law #3 creating a Municipal code to regulate outdoor use of sound by commercial establishments.  
Trustee Lasher votes aye.  
Trustee Reinhold votes aye.  
Mayor Smallwood votes aye.  
RESOLUTION passes.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to pay the following vouchers (exception being ROSEN's invoice):

GENERAL – Abstract #1723, vouchers numbered #9912038 through #9912053 in the amount of \$7,207.64

WATER – Abstract #10259, vouchers numbered #9912054 through #9912055 and voucher number #9912057, vouchers numbered #9912059 through #9912060 and voucher #9912063 in the amount of \$9603.63

SEWER – Abstract #10229, vouchers numbered #9912056, #9912058 and vouchers numbered #9912061 through #9912062 in the amount of \$9,771.16.

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

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Patsky, seconded by Trustee June, reserving the Riverfront Park for June 8, 2013 for a Flag Day celebration to be held by the Athens Village Day Committee. Trustee Lasher votes aye.

Trustee Reinhold abstains as he is a member of the committee.

Mayor Smallwood votes aye.

The Village Board discussed the Water Filtration Plant and the problem it is having with the compressor and the dire need to purchase a new one as soon as possible in order to continue operations to the Village.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor, authorizing the purchase of a new air compressor for the quoted price of \$10,840.00 from ROLFE. Due to the emergency nature of the request and also due to the fact that it is a specialized item, the purchase will not follow the terms of the procurement policy. Also, due to the fact that the compressor being replaced was purchased at the time the water filtration project was being completed by McDonald Engineering and it never worked properly at that time either, the monies to purchase this compressor will be taken from the WSIP reserve account.

Trustee Reinhold bought up the issue of changing the term length for officers of the Village from 2 years to 4 years. The Attorney provided the information to the Village Board Members to review at a previous meeting. Options for going forward with this idea were discussed at length.

Consensus by the Village Board is that they would like to bring it before the voters as an option while voting at the next village election in March 2013.

In order to accomplish this a RESOLUTION must be made by the Village Board 50-75 days before the election as a mandatory referendum so that it may be put onto the ballot by the board of elections.

The Village Attorney will remind the Village Board to pass this RESOLUTION when the time is right.

MOTION made to adjourn at 8:18PM by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor.

Good Night!

Mary Jo Wynne