

ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Herman Reinhold, Trustee Tom Sopris, Trustee Robert June and Trustee Gail Lasher.

Sergeant Ed Tercasio was also present.

PUBLIC:

1. *John Pulice, resident of the Village of Athens*, attended the Village Board Meeting as a follow-up to a recently attended meeting discussing the possibility of placing a memorial stone at the Athens Riverfront Park. Mr. Pulice would like to commemorate individuals who were pivotal in making the Park possible. A preliminary estimate of cost for the stone was submitted.

The Village Board discussed options. They would like to keep as much open space as possible.

Trustee Reinhold mentioned that he would rather see benches with plaques or inscriptions commemorating individuals as opposed to Memorial Stones.

The Village Board will get back to him as the Project continues at the Park.

2. *Peter Cardinale, President of the Athens Little League*, attended the meeting to discuss the letter recently submitted to the Village Board from the Athens Little League regarding the condition of Isabelle Rainey Field. Athens Little League was inquiring as to whether the Village would help with some of the work needed to be done, man-power wise and monetary-wise at Isabelle Rainey Field.

The Village Board responded at a Village Board Meeting that they would need to have more information and also it was suggested that instead of using Rainey Field, perhaps they should use the Babe Ruth Field at E.J. Arthur Elementary School since it appears to be abandoned.

Mr. Cardinale wanted to go on record stating that there is a misconception regarding the Ball Field at E.J. Arthur Elementary School. The field is being used. He agrees that it does look abandoned, however they do not own the Field, the School does. After the season is over the property owners take over maintenance.

Athens Little League has already invested over \$10,000.00 in Isabelle Rainey field and they are 'locked into' using this field.

Mr. Cardinale is concerned that since this information was written in the newspaper that perhaps some of the grant monies that they have applied for to improve Isabelle Rainey Field will be in jeopardy.

His purpose in attending tonight's meeting is to clear this matter up.

Mayor Smallwood stated that she met with DPW Director Dennis Proper and Stephanie Palmateer (President of Girls Softball) at Isabelle Rainey Field to assess the on-going drainage problem noted and investigate what could be done.

The Village will provide Athens Little League with the manpower from the DPW and Athens Little League will 'grant out' for equipment and materials.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. C.T. Male Associates, P.C. Re: Proposal for Professional Services- Waterfront Park Project. A Motion was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor approving the proposal.
2. NYS & Local Retirement System. Re: Code Enforcement Officer timesheets.
3. Richard C. Apfel. Re: Copy of letter written to Commissioner of General Services regarding Waterfront Park Project.
4. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: Application for Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. – Ruling on intervener Funding Applications.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Sopris, made a MOTION, all in favor, to approve the following vouchers for payment:

GENERAL – Abstract #1617. Vouchers numbered 9910261 through 9910286 totaling \$15,845.86.

WATER- Abstract #10206. Vouchers numbered 9910289 through 9910292, Voucher #9910296 totaling \$14,224.63.

SEWER – Abstract #10180. Vouchers numbered 9910287 through 9910288 totaling \$12,821.52.

TRUST & AGENCY – Abstract #10254. Vouchers numbered 9910293 through 9910295 totaling \$3,164.22.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving the cost of Ed Tercasio attending a School for Supervisory Training for the Athens Police Department.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, that given that the Village Board must review the Village Courts Financial Activity for the past year, that this activity has been completed to their satisfaction by Village Board

Members at a Meeting held on September 22, 2010 which was also attended by the Village Justice and Court Clerk.

The Mayor noted that a Special Village Board Meeting will be held on November 3, 2010, at 6:30PM for the sole purpose of discussing the Zoning Review Committee's Draft Recommendations for Proposed Changes to the Village Zoning Code. Margaret Moree, a member of this committee and also the Chairperson for the Planning Board, has been asked to attend the meeting to discuss some of the information in this document.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, that given the fact that the floor in the gym has not been completed as of yet, and the contractor that was hired and started the project, through the Bidding process, has not returned 12 of the Mayor's phone calls and has not completed the job, and given the fact that the project needs to be completed, the Village Board will publicly advertise for bids to install the rubber flooring in the gym as soon as possible.

Trustee Reinhold stated that he would like the Village Board to reconsider legalizing Bow-hunting in the Village. The issue had been discussed previously and he would like to see the discussion re-opened.

Chris Pfister has asked the Mayor for permission to plant trees, at his own expense, throughout the Village in locations where he has received permission from property owners. A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, that the Village Board approve his request and also thank him for his generosity, seconded by Trustee Lasher, Trustee June votes aye and Trustee Sopris votes no. Approved.

Diane Michener's Sidewalk/driveway paving was discussed again. The Mayor will write a letter stating that the Village Board will not take action on this. However, she is requested to apply for a building permit when she re-does the driveway.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor. 9:30PM.

Good Night!

MJW