

ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
November 10, 2010

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

Trustee Tom Sopris exits meeting at 7:45PM.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini, DPW Director Dennis Proper, Fire Department Chief John Greco and Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea were also in attendance.

PLEDGE to the Flag.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING.

The Fire Chief discussed the fact that the Department needs to purchase some accessory equipment for their new turn-out gear (purchased with grant money). The Fire Chief has received 3 quotes for the items needed and presented them to the Village Board (attached).

The Village Board reviewed and discussed the quotes provided by the Fire Chief.

Garrison provided the lowest price on the equipment specified and therefore a MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Sopris, all in favor, to purchase the items requested from Garrison for the purchase price of \$3395.45.

PUBLIC:

1. ***Herbie Blasewitz and Patty Whiteman*** attended the meeting on behalf of the Street Festival Committee. They stated that they wanted to give the Village Board a verbal update on this past Summers Street Festival. The financial reports are not available yet. Mr. Blasewitz informed the Village Board that despite the uncertainty of the weather it was a very successful year.

They also informed the Village Board that they are organizing a Christmas Caroling event for December 9, 2010. Anyone interested should meet at the Riverside Café on Water Street between 5-5:30PM. The committee will provide music and lyrics.

The Village Board thanked Mr. Blasewitz and Ms. Whiteman for all of their hard work and asked that they extend a sincere 'thank-you' to all of the Committee members. All of their hard work does not go unappreciated.

The Village Board also asked that they provide Financial Reports for the Summer Event as soon as they are available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Athens Fire Department. Re: Application for use of Community Center gym. MOTION made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, Trustee Lasher votes aye, Trustee Sopris not present, approving the application for use of the gym as submitted.
2. NYSDOT. Re: CHIPS.
3. B.A. Electrical. Re: Proposal. The Village Board (Trustee Sopris absent) agreed that funds from the Building Renovations Reserve Account be used to fund this expense in the amount of \$3880.00 as it is an upgrade to the Electrical System in the building.
4. Teamsters Local 294. Re: New Business Agent.
5. NYSDOH. Re: Water Sampling.
6. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc.

OTHER BUSINESS:

BID OPENING: Due to the fact that the renovations at the Riverfront Park Project will not include the present docks, and that they have been declared surplus equipment at a previous Village Board Meeting, and an advertisement was published for the solicitation of sealed bids for tonight's Board Meeting, the Mayor opened the bids which were received:

One bid was received from Ed Brady for \$750.00.

MOTION made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, Trustee Reinhold votes aye. Trustee Sopris absent. Motion passes to accept the bid price provided and sell the docks to Ed Brady for \$750.00.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, Trustee June votes aye to deposit the proceeds into the Waterfront Park Account.

The Village Board reviewed the 3 quotes provided by The Fire Chief for accessory equipment for the Turn-out gear.

The Village Board discussed the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. Delaware Engineering has submitted the plans to the Village Board for approval to go forward with the bidding process. A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher to accept the engineering plans as submitted to be sent to the NYS DEC. The Mayor and the Village Attorney will research the municipal debt limits with regard to the exclusion of sewer debt and how it affects the general account of the Village. All in favor. MOTION passed.

The Village Board discussed the possibility of increasing Village water and sewer rates in the new year. Analysis of fund balances for both accounts will be reviewed in December and then the rate increase will be determined, if any.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee June, Trustee Reinhold votes aye, Trustee Sopris absent, that for 911 purposes, as directed by the County, the Village will rename part of Brick Row from State Route 385 to Brick Row Extension with the new name of Brick Row Lane. This will then not require Brick Row residents to change their present address numbers for the 911 system. A new sign will be purchased identifying this street as such.

Motion made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, Trustee Lasher votes aye to Approve the following vouchers for payment:

GENERAL – Abstract #1620. Vouchers numbered 9910304 through 9910320 in the amount of \$31,398.95.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10207. Voucher number 9910307 in the amount of \$94.51.

MOTION made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, Trustee Lasher votes aye to approve the Minutes from Meetings held on September 22 and October 13, 2010.

MOTION made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, Trustee June votes aye to adjourn meeting at 9:30PM.

Good Evening!!!!

MJW