

**ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2010**

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

Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC:

1. *Mary Beth Bianconi and Mike Budris of Delaware Engineering*, attended the Village Board Meeting to discuss the Green Innovation Grant Program Application (GIGP) that they are submitting for the Village. The Application is being submitted for water meter upgrade and automatic meter reading system.

There are some final details that need to be completed in order for the final application to be complete.

The following RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, regarding compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the Water Meter Upgrade to an Automatic Meter Reading System;

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has installed water meters for the purpose of water conservation and billing for customers; many of these meters are aged past their useful life and some function poorly; and,

WHEREAS, the Village has caused to be prepared a conceptual plan and feasibility study/engineering report evaluating replacement meters, specifically automatic meter reading systems; and,

WHEREAS, review of 6NYCRR Part 617.5 (c)(2) provides that actions are not subject to review under SEQRA that involve “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Athens Water Meter Upgrade project a Type II Action under SEQRA and is not subject to review under 6 NYCRR Part 617 per 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2).

The following RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Sopris, all in favor;

The Village Board agrees to apply for funds through the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) to be used to replace water meters for water customers and also

to upgrade to an automatic Reading system. Total cost of project being \$142,000.00. The amount of funding requested is \$125,500.00. Local Match is \$16,500.

2. Victor Cornelius, a grant writer, attended the Village Board Meeting by invitation of the Village Board to discuss his services, his resume and his fee schedule.

The Village Board discussed grant options with Mr. Cornelius and Mary Beth Bianconi.

The Village Board thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that they would get back to Mr. Cornelius. Mr. Cornelius will provide a portfolio of his work on successful grants to the Village Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Bruce Pruiksma. Re: Request use of Community Center gym. MOTION made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor approving request as submitted.
2. The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development. Re: Catskill Region Land Use Training Program: Site plan Review and Special Use Permits.
3. NYS Code. Re: Announcement of effective date for Amanda's Law.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Financial Reports for the month of October were distributed to all Village Board Members.

MOTION made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving the Minutes from meetings held on October 27 and November 3, 2010.

MOTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving that the Mayor sign the Contract with HESS Energy for providing electric usage to the Village. HESS energy charges a lower cost per kilowatt for energy than Central Hudson. Two other vendors price per kilowatt were also reviewed.

The Village Board discussed at length the pros and cons of consolidation of the Village Court with the Town Court. The list for open positions for election in March 2011 will need to be sent to the Greene County Board of Elections. The Justice position is on that list. A decision will need to be made as to whether this position will be open.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold that based upon the assumption that the Town Justices will handle cases in the Village fairly and justly, and that they have the

capability to take on these cases in a fair manner, that the Village Board dissolve the Village Court as of March 31, 2011. All cases will be absorbed by the Town Court.

Trustee Lasher votes aye.

Trustee Sopris votes no.

Trustee June votes no.

Mayor Smallwood votes aye.

RESOLUTION passes.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

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

MOTION made to adjourn meeting at 9:30PM.

GOOD NIGHT!

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