

Village of Athens Board Meeting MINUTES - February 10, 2010

PLEDGE to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Tim O'Leary and Trustee Robert June.

Trustee Tom Sopris and Trustee Herman Reinhold were absent.

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

PUBLIC:

1. *Herbie Blasewitz, representing the Athens Street Festival*, attended the Village Board Meeting to present the Village Board with a summary 'year-end' report on last years Street Festival and inform the Village Board of some of their plans for the upcoming year. Street Festival date is July 10, 2010, rain-date July 11, 2010.

The Village Board and Mr. Blasewitz discussed the on-going results of the survey sent to residents regarding the possibility of extending the Street Festival to two days. The majority of respondents are not in favor of extending the Festival to two days.

Insurance issues were also discussed regarding the golf carts and the sale of alcohol.

Painting lines in the street for the vendors was also discussed. The Street Festival Committee would like to make them permanent and the Village Board stated that they did not want them to do this. Many of the residents have stated (through the surveys) that they are unhappy with the permanent paint in the streets. The Village Board suggested that the Street Festival Committee use other less permanent markers. Mr. Blasewitz stated that marking the Vendor spots was very time consuming for their committee and that is why they still feel that they want to create permanent 'markers' on the streets. The Committee would like to use darker, more permanent paint. Trustee June and Trustee O'Leary stated again that they were not in favor of permanent paint on the roadways and they would like to see the committee find another way, even if it is time consuming.

The Village Board thanked Mr. Blasewitz for attending the Meeting.

2. Brock Juusola, representing Delaware Engineering, attended the meeting to discuss the Sewer Project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NYCOM. Re: Membership. Motion made by Trustee June, 2nd by Trustee O'Leary, a.i.f., to approve signing the contract for membership another year.
2. Athens Little League. Re: Request for use of the gym. Motion made by Trustee O'Leary, 2nd by Trustee June, a.i.f., to approve the use of the gym as written from March to May.
3. Greene County Cruisers. Re: Request to hold 'Cruises by the River event' down by the Athens Riverfront Park. Motion made by Trustee June, 2nd by Trustee O'Leary, a.i.f., granting them permission to use the park as requested.
4. ISO. Re: Notification of Publication of BCEGS Classification.
5. Kosco. Re: Proposal for work needed at the Fire house.
6. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolutions regarding Village Elections.
7. Columbia-Greene Federal Credit Union. Re: Employee Groups.
8. Catskill Mountain Woodworks. Re: Estimate submitted by the Athens Cultural Center for work they would like to have done.
9. NYS Dept. of State. Re: Award of Eco-Dock Grant to the Village of Athens.
10. NYS Dept. of Health. Re: Sampling-2009 Report.
11. SEMO. Re: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program- Severe Storms and Flooding.
12. Rip Van Winkle Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties. Re: Parks and Playgrounds.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A MOTION was made by Trustee O'Leary, 2nd by Trustee June, a.i.f., approving the Minutes from Meetings held on December 16, 2009, January 13, January 21 and January 27, 2010.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee O'Leary, 2nd by Trustee June, a.i.f., agreeing to participate with the County in a study that will examine the issue of a centralized records management center (RESOLUTION attached) for Towns, Villages, School Districts and Fire Districts in Greene County pending a successful grant application with the State.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee O'Leary, 2nd by Trustee June, a.i.f., agreeing to extend Leah Rhodes lease for one year (March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011) at the present rate of \$400.00 per month.

A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:30PM.

GOOOOD NIGHT !

Mary Jo

