

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING
April 25, 2012

PRESENT: Trustee Herman Reinhold, Trustee Robert June, Trustee Gail Lasher and Trustee Anthony Patsky.

Fire Chief John Greco and Village Attorney Tal Rapplelea were also present.

Mayor Andrea Smallwood entered the meeting at 7:00PM.

Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC:

1. *George Stacey, representing the American Legion*, attended the meeting to discuss Memorial Day with the Village Board. The American Legion has always been responsible for coordinating the Memorial Day festivities in the Village. Mr. Stacey provided the Village Board with the parade route and also asked to have some police coverage for the parade.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving the parade route and to provide police coverage for the event.

The Village Board thanked Mr. Stacey for attending the meeting.

2. *Guy Falkenheimer, representing Hudson River Cruises*, attended the meeting to discuss the water taxi he will be providing this summer on the river. The taxi will run between Hudson and Athens on Friday and Saturday late afternoon and evenings.

Mr. Falkenheimer had mentioned that he would like to place a sign at the Riverfront Park so that people are aware of the taxi and where it departs from. He showed the sign to the Village Board for approval.

The Village Board discussed a number of issues with Mr. Falkenheimer in regard to where the sign will be located in the park, the size of the boat, docking issues and time frames that the boat will be running.

Trustee June inquired as to how the village and Mr. Fakenheimer may publicize the taxi and also publicize events that are going on in Athens in order to attract people to come here.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Kay Brunner. Re: Request to hold Poppy Tag Day. A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving the event as requested.

2. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. Re: Inspection of Main WWTP, Brick Row WWTP and Water Filtration Plant.
3. Dani Minnick. Re: Application for use of gym. RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving the use of the gym as requested.
4. Animal Crackers Preschool. Re: Application for use of the Riverfront Park. A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, approving use of the Riverfront Park as requested.
5. State of New York Public Service Commission. Re: Case 10-T-0139 – Application of Champlain Hudson Power express.
6. Charles & Marie Hunt. Re: 41 N. Franklin Street.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving payment of the following vouchers:

GENERAL – Abstract # 1701 – vouchers numbered #9911509 through #9911534 in the amount of \$14,304.95.

WATER – Abstract # 10244 – vouchers numbered #9911535 through #9911540 in the amount of \$9,039.62.

SEWER – Abstract # 10214 – vouchers numbered #9911541 through #9911544 in the amount of \$9,775.06.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving the Minutes from meetings held on February 22nd, March 14th, March 28th, April 2nd and April 11th, 2012.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving the Budget as discussed with a tax rate increase of 1.9%, making the tax rate 10.72 per thousand.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Catskill (Resolution attached).

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving the Wacky Raft Race as noted.

Signage at the Riverfront Park was discussed at length. A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June that a sign be purchased to be placed at the dock stating that there is “no overnight docking” and to contact local marinas for overnight docking.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, purchasing a second sign at the docks stating that there is no swimming allowed off the docks.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, agreeing to keep the Recycle Center where it has been temporarily located behind the Firehouse on Third Street.

The following RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold;

Whereby Village funds currently held in the MBIA CLASS accounts which include the DPW equipment Reserve, Fire Department Truck Reserve, Municipal Building Renovations Reserve, Water Extension Reserve, Sewer Extension Reserve and the Police Car Reserve fund are currently making no interest and;

Whereas these accounts will be changing custodian ship in the near future;

That monies in these accounts be transferred as soon as possible to a local bank with higher interest rates;

seconded by Trustee Patsky

Trustee Lasher votes aye.

Trustee June votes aye.

Mayor votes aye.

RESOLUTION passes.

The following RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, transferring the following appropriations:

FROM	TO
\$1500.00- A1620.1 (cleaner)	\$500.00- A1325.4C (postage) \$1,000.00- A1325.4 (office exp.)
\$3900.00- A1989.4(insurance)	\$3500.00- A1420.1 (attorney) \$400.00- A1620.4 (furnace repairs).
\$1500.00- A3410.4 (FD Physicals) \$1850.00- A3410.4 (FD Repairs)	\$2000.00- A3410.4 (vehicle fuel) \$605.00- A3410.439 (fire inspections) \$300.00- A3410.4 (fire contractual exp) \$445.00- A3410.2 (Fire Department equipment)
\$7000.00- A5110.4 (Sts. Equip. Repairs)	\$7000.00- A5110.4 (streets- cont. exp.)
\$5318.12- A5142.4 (Snow expenses)	\$1278.33- A5110.4 (clothing) \$1500.00- A5132.4 (garage expenses) \$148.19- A7560.4 (Cultural Center)

\$2391.60- A8010.4 (Zoning Board expenses)

\$1000.00- A5132.4e (garage repairs)

\$300.00- A6410.4 (publicity)

\$700.00- A4989.4 (ECP program)

MOTION made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30PM.

Mary Jo Wynne