

**ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**April 28, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Bob June and Trustee Gail Lasher. Trustee Tom Sopris and Trustee Herman Reinhold were absent.

*Pledge* to the Flag.

The Mayor opened the PUBLIC HEARING this evening for the purpose of hearing comments or answering questions from the Public regarding the Tentative Budget.

Carol Pfister asked if the budget allows for money to purchase a parking lot.

No the Mayor stated. The Village Board would like to utilize the already existing Reserve account entitled 'acquisition of land adjacent to the Community Center Building' for this purpose and legally revise the title to 'Acquisition of Property'. The lawyer will be consulted on this. The Village Board would also like to apply for grant money through the County and the Athens Community Benefits Grant program for the purpose of purchasing a parking lot.

Chris Pfister commented on the General Fund's appropriation for Administrative Salary. He also questioned the cost of the Payroll Service.

The Village Board stated that at the time that the Tentative Budget was filed the increase in the tax rate was going to be approximately 6%. However, the Village Board has already cut a lot of the figures and is looking at a 1-3% increase in the tax rate.

The Mayor, as requested by the Public, reviewed the decreases that were made after the Tentative Budget was filed.

A MOTION was made by Trustee June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lasher, a.i.f., to close the Public Hearing and open the Regular Work Meeting.

OPEN REGULAR WORK MEETING.

**PUBLIC:**

1. *John Pieruzzi, resident of the Village and Chairperson of APAC (Athens Performing Arts Concerts)* attended the Meeting to ask the Village Board for permission to use the Athens Riverfront Park and the Gazebo every Friday from 7-9PM from June 11, 2010 through September 3, 2010 for concert performances. They will not have a concert the night before the Street Festival (July 9, 2010).

The Village Board granted APAC permission to use the Riverfront Park as requested.

The Village Board agreed to waive the open container law for those events.

Mr. Pieruzzi thanked the Village Board.

2. *Herbie Blasewitz and Patty Whiteman, representing the Street Festival*, attended the meeting to update the Village Board on the Street Festival.

They provided the Village Board with a written report identifying revenues and expenses.

The Village Board thanked them for attending.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Athens Volunteer Fire Dept. Re: Newly elected Officers for the year May 2010 through April 2011.
2. Lauren Alpert- Assistant Ride Director. Parks & Trails New York. Re: Request to use the Riverfront Park- August 10, 2010. The Village Board agreed to grant them permission to use the Riverfront Park as requested given that they provide an insurance certificate.
3. Katherine Lasher, American Legion Auxiliary. Re: Poppy Day. MOTION made by Trustee June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lasher, a.i.f., to grant them permission to conduct Poppy Day in the Village. Again, they are not allowed to stand in the middle of the streets while doing this.
4. Patricia B. Fleming. Re: Update on tree in front of her house.
5. Delaware Engineering, P.C. Re: Wastewater System Improvements Project. MOTION was made by Trustee June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lasher, a.i.f, to approve of hiring the recommended low-bidder for survey work needed to be done at the Brick Row WWTP for grant application.
6. Iroquois Gas. Re: Leaf Grant.
7. Mid-Hudson Cablevision, Inc. Re: Annual Franchise Fee.
8. Williamson Law Book. Re: Contract renewal for Annual Software Support – Code Enforcement. MOTION made by Trustee Lasher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee June, a.i.f, agreeing to have the Mayor sign the contract for services and send him the yearly amount as specified in their contract.
9. Greene County Legislature. Re: Joint Landfill Venture- financial Statements for January and February 2010.
10. Katherine Lasher-Zion Lutheran Church. Re: Request use of park. MOTION made by Trustee June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lasher, a.i.f., approving her request for use of the park as specified in her letter.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A MOTION was made by Trustee June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lasher, a.i.f., approving payment of the following vouchers:

GENERAL- Abstract #1594 and #1595.

WATER – Abstract #10192 and #10193

SEWER- Abstract #10172.

The Mayor Appointed Dr. Stephen G. Hassett, M.D. FACEP to be the Village's Department of Health Officer, replacing Dr. Chaloner.

MOTION was made by Trustee June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lasher, Mayor Smallwood approves that the Village Board enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues.

MOTION was made by Trustee Lasher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee June, Mayor Smallwood votes aye to exit Executive Session and resume the regular work meeting.

The Village Board discussed the Adoption of the Budget.

Changes were made to the Tentative Budget.

RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Lasher to approve the Budget with changes, tax rate will be 10.04.

Mayor votes aye.

RESOLUTION passes.

MOTION was made to adjourn meeting at 9:00.

Good Night!