

ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES-May 25, 2011

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

PLEDGE to the Flag.

APPLICATION: Community Center gym. Applicant: Athens Cultural Center. May 29, 2011 for 'Sock Hop'. **MOTION** made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving use of the gym as requested.

PUBLIC:

1. *Lisa Heintz, representative for Rip Van Winkle tobacco free coalition*, attended the meeting to ask the Village Board to consider passing legislation to make the parks in the Village tobacco free. The organization that she represents will provide free signage. Ms. Heintz also provided the Village Board with a letter of support from Michael Seserman the Vice President of the American Cancer Society in Albany.

The Village Board discussed this issue and also discussed the fact that they have been considering this for the Village Green since this park has a playground and a little league field which are geared towards children. However, the Mayor stated that she is not sure about Isabelle Rainey Field and the Riverfront Park due to the fact that Isabelle Rainey is used for adult leagues off season and the Riverfront Park is used for concerts on Friday nights and other events primarily geared toward adults.

The Village Board will discuss it further.

2. *Debra Gitterman, resident of the Village*, attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of creating an email distribution list for water breaks or flushing operations. A lot of people do not read the local paper and this might be a way to alert people.

She also mentioned that she would be willing to orchestrate it.

The Village Board gave her permission to begin the process and stated that the list might be used for other notices as well.

3. *Michael Seserman* asked to be on the agenda to discuss the Smoke free policy in the parks. Did not show up.
4. *Victor Cornelius, grant writer for the Village*, attended the meeting to update the Village Board on grant monies for the WWTP-phase II project.
5. *Jim Steenburg* asked to be on the agenda to discuss his deed but did not show up.

6. *Paul Escudero* asked to be put on the agenda to discuss a police issue but he did not show up.
7. *Johnnie Pieruzzi, representing APAC*, attended tonight's meeting to provide the Village Board with a schedule for Friday night concerts in the park and to confirm that they can set up on the street, as was previously discussed, until the park project has been completed.

Trustee Reinhold also inquired as to what time the events are scheduled to end. Mr. Pieruzzi informed the Village Board that all acts are contracted to play from 7:00PM to 9:00PM.

Trustee Reinhold also made mention that the sound gets a little too loud at times. Mr. Pieruzzi stated that he will do what he can when they start by letting the bands know that there is a noise ordinance and to keep the volume at a reasonable level. However, when the bands get started there is not much that he can do. These are professionals and he can't tell them to 'tone it down' once they get started. He also noted that the sound is affected by the wind and the buildings.

Other Board members agreed with Mr. Pieruzzi that the sound sometimes echos badly off surrounding buildings and also the wind can have an effect on the loudness of the evening especially being located directly on the River.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to allow APAC to use the Athens Riverfront Park as noted on their schedule and that 10:00 PM would be the latest time allowable for concerts and that the noise will be kept at a reasonable level.

8. *Lucille Bertone* asked to be put on the agenda to discuss placing a double wide trailer on a lot in the village (90 N. Washington St. Concra) but did not show up. She spoke to Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini on the telephone.
9. *Herbie Blasewitz, representing the Street Festival*, was scheduled to attend the meeting tonight. He did not show up but asked Trustee Reinhold, whom is also on the Street Festival Committee to speak on his behalf.

The status of the Athens Riverfront Park project was discussed as it relates to the Street Festival Date (July 9, 2011). The Street Festival committee would like to know if the Park will be completed by the end of June?

The Village Board discussed the fact that the Park may not be 'festival ready' considering the establishment of the lawn. The lawn might be seeded, however, it will not be ready for a lot of 'foot traffic'.

Trustee Reinhold stated that the Street Festival is still interested in using the park irregardless of the status of the park. They would be willing to re-seed the Park after the festival and the damage has been done.

Mayor Smallwood, Trustee Lasher and Trusty Patsky discussed that they would like the Street Festival to move heavy vendors out of the Park and onto the Street.

It was agreed that foot traffic cannot be eliminated altogether since the lighthouse tours will be going on and people need to reach the docks to get on the boats.

It would be good to lessen the foot traffic however, by moving some of the bigger vendors from the park.

Trustee June also mentioned that other activities scheduled for the park came up with a contingency plan if the park was not ready. What is the Street Festival's contingency plan? Do they have one? He also mentioned that other residents use the park throughout the summer and this limits the time that they can use it if it has to be re-seeded and the lawn re-established again.

Trustee Reinhold stated that the contingency plan is to re-seed the park.

Trustee Patsky mentioned that if the Street Festival is interested in re-seeding after the event then there should be something in writing stating this.

Discussion continued and will continue.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Town of Athens. Re: Resolution setting Public Hearing for local law #1 of 2011- Repealing and Replacing Chapter 180 of the Code of the Town of Athens entitled 'Zoning'.
2. Owen Lipstein. Re: Application for liquor license.
3. NYSDEC. Re: Revisions to New York's Dam Safety Regulations.
4. NYS Law Enforcement Officers Union, Council 82. Re: Percentage diminishment on raises.
5. Greene County Landfill fund. Re: Statement.
6. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution No. 179-11.
7. Greene County Legislature. Re: No. 195-11- Authorizing distribution of Mortgage Tax.
8. Greene County Legislature. Re: No. 186-11 – Awarding bid for washed and screened crush stone. RESOLUTION made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to join with the County in purchasing at bid price for items stated in RESOLUTION #186-11 of the County Legislature.
9. Greene County Legislature. Re: No. 185-11 – Awarding bids to purchase materials-highway department. RESOLUTION made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to join with the County in purchasing at bid price for items stated in RESOLUTION #185-11 of the County Legislature
10. Greene County Legislature. Re: No. 184-11- Authorizing county highway superintendent to bid for #2 diesel fuel and gasoline.
11. Greene County Legislature. Re: No. 182-11- Awarding fuel oil bids.
12. Gene Hatton. Re: Rivertown Housing Development Fund Co., inc.
13. National Bank of Coxsackie- James Warren. Re: Bonding Resolution for Parking Lot.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, approving the minutes from Meetings held on April 25 and May 11, 2011.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee June waiving the open container law for the Flag Day event to be held on June 11, 2011 at the Riverfront Park.

Trustee Patsky votes aye.

Trustee Reinhold abstains.

The following resolution was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher:

A BOND RESOLUTION dated May 25, 2011 authorizing the issuance of \$29,000.00 aggregate principal amount serial bonds of the Village of Athens, Greene County, New York, to finance the cost of the acquisition of a Municipal Parking Lot (RESOLUTION attached).

Trustee Reinhold votes aye.

Trustee Patsky votes aye.

Mayor Smallwood votes aye.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, subject to permissive referendum, to purchase a 2009 Ford F550 Emergency Vehicle. The total amount necessary will not exceed \$85,000.00 and will be taken from the Village's Acquisition of Fire Truck Capital Account. (RESOLUTION attached).

Trustee Lasher votes aye.

Trustee Patsky votes aye.

Mayor Smallwood votes aye.

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

GENERAL- Abstract #1651. Vouchers numbered #9910744-#9910753 and vouchers numbered # 9910756 -9910761 and vouchers numbered #9910763- #9910765.

WATER- Abstract #10222. Vouchers numbered #9910754- #9910755 and voucher number #9910761.

SEWER- Abstract # 10195. Voucher number #9910762.

Vouchers for Delaware Engineering and Endeavor, inc. (Victor Cornelius) will be held until the money has been drawdown from EFC for the WWTP-phase II project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45PM by VB MOTION.

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