

Athens Village Board Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2010

PLEDGE to the Flag.

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

APPLICATION: Athens Riverfront Park. **APPLICANT:** Amanda Ostling. Wedding. Denied due to the fact that construction will begin this fall.

PUBLIC:

1. ***Betty Krieg, resident of the Village***, located on Wayne Street, attended the meeting to discuss the fact that she presently lives in a manufactured home and is in the process of purchasing the property and would like to replace the present manufactured home with a new one. The present code book states that in order to put in a new manufactured home they would need to have Village Board Approval.

The Mayor stated that that area is designated as an RM District (Medium Residential) and that according to the code book there is no 'special use' for manufactured homes. She does not know whether it is a permitted use.

Trustee Sopris questioned why it is not allowable if they are already living in a manufactured home.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini stated that they are permitted at the discretion of the Village Board.

Trustee Sopris stated that he did not find replacing an old manufactured home with a new manufactured home a problem. Is there any law presently that does not allow this?

Discussion ensued regarding present Village Code and whether it is allowable for existing manufactured housing to be replaced with manufactured housing. Foundations in regard to manufactured homes and modulars versus manufactured housing was discussed further.

The Village Board agreed that the new manufactured home is acceptable however there will be certain stipulations in regard to the foundation and the type of manufactured home put there. The Mayor advised her to work closely with the Code Enforcement Officer while going through the process of filling out the building permit application.

2. *John Pulice, resident of the Village*, attended the Meeting to discuss the fact that in light of the fact that the Village will be doing construction in the Park he would like to know whether the Village Board would consider some type of commemorative plaque or stone to memorialize some people that were very visible in the Village that have passed away. Names mentioned were R.J. Hummer and Kevin Morrison. He reiterated the fact that they were very involved in the Village and genuinely cared about the Village.

The Village Board discussed some ideas with Mr. Pulice, for example, Trustee Reinhold suggested that he consider sponsoring benches or picnic tables. The Village Board asked that he come back to a Village Board Meeting and inform them of his plans when the time comes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. C.T. Male Associate. P.C. Re: Athens Riverfront Rehabilitation Project- Bid Award Recommendation.
2. Greene County Economic Development. Re: Ellen Rettus Achievement Awards.
3. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc.
4. Greene IDA. Re: SEQRA- Notice of Intent to Declare Lead Agency- Town of Athens Industrial Zone.
5. Athens Real Estate LLC. Re: Amended liquor license.
6. Hudson River Valley Greenway. Re: Payments to recipients.
7. Carol Pfister. Re: Request to block sidewalk. MOTION made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, permission granted.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A Motion was made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor, approving payment of the following Vouchers:

GENERAL – Abstract #1607.

WATER- Abstract #10200.

SEWER – Abstract #10176.

YOUTH – Abstract #42.

The Village Board discussed the Application for use of the Athens Riverfront Park completed by NNY Productions that was bought before the Village Board at the last meeting. A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, to allow them to use the Athens Riverfront Park for filming on the days specified in the Application and have the Mayor sign the Site location Agreement.

The Mayor stated that the Bid Opening for the Athens Waterfront Park took place on July 21, 2010, as advertised. The Village received 11 bids for the project. After review by the

Engineer on the project and the Village Attorney the Village Board would like to award the bid to the most responsible, lowest bidder.

RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor to award the bid for the Athens Waterfront Park Project to C.D. Perry & Sons.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to continue closing with EFC/CWSRF on the WWTP- phase II for up to 4.62 million dollars, dependent on the paperwork stating that short-term financing would be at the rate of 12%. The Village Board would like the Village Attorney to confirm with EFC before signing the closing documents tomorrow, that the 12% interest on BAN will only be used as collateral. Closing papers will then be signed by the Mayor.

Trustee Reinhold stated that he would like the new traffic law put on the website and also sent in the water/sewer bills next quarter. He would like residents to be informed before the winter weather comes.

MOTION made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 9:45PM.

MJ Wynne