

**VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES-September 14, 2011**

Bid openings for sidewalks and flooring for gym entranceway scheduled for 6:30PM – prior to Village Board Meeting.

PLEDGE to the Flag.

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

Fire Chief John Greco, Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini, DPW Director Dennis Proper, Chief of Police Roger Masse and Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea were also present.

PUBLIC HEARING opened at 6:30PM – The purpose of tonight’s meeting is to obtain public comment regarding a proposed increase in sewer rates.

Mary Beth Bianconi and Brock Juusola, representing Delaware Engineering, were present and provided informational handouts in case there were any questions about the debt and debt payment for the WWTP from the public or the Village Board.

Victor Cornelius, grant writer for the Village, discussed the possibility of receiving principal forgiveness with the Village Board. He stated that the Village should know one way or the other by the end of the month.

Mayor Smallwood discussed the inevitable rate increase necessary to have the funds to pay for the first payment due August 12, 2012 on the debt for the WWTP phase II project. The Actual increase will be determined when it has been determined whether the Village will receive any principal forgiveness.

No comment from the public.

PUBLIC HEARING closes.

REGULAR WORK MEETING opens immediately after the public hearing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD meeting.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, that the Village Board declare the old police car (1999 Ford Crown Victoria) surplus equipment of minimal value, and therefore, at the recommendation of the Chief of Police, will donate the vehicle to the Police Academy as soon as the new vehicle arrives and the Academy signs a hold harmless agreement.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, that at the recommendation of the DPW Director, the Village purchase a Bobcat skid from Bobcat of Saratoga, at the state bid price of \$37,000.00.

Due to the fact that the Athens Fire Department has received a Forestry Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00, a RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving expenditure of \$2066.00 to River Valley Radio, Inc. for the Athens Fire Department portable radios. The village will be reimbursed \$1,000.00.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand. Re: Counties eligible for disaster assistance.
2. Dierdre M. Canaday. Re: Copy of letter sent to James Warren, president of the National Bank of Coxsackie and also his reply.
3. Greene County Department for Aging and Youth. Re: Annual Meeting.
4. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: Ruling establishing report date.
5. New York State Sister Cities. Re: Conference.
6. Mayor Andrea Smallwood. Re: Copy of letter written to NYSDEC regarding Hurricane Irene and order on consent.
7. Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District. Re: Postpone 50th Anniversary celebration.
8. Charles & Marie Hunt. Re: Drainage problems.
9. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution No. 306-11 – correcting assessment roll and refund taxes.
10. Tom Sopris. Re: Drainage problems.
11. Mr. & Mrs. James Taranto. Re: Drainage problems.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1667, vouchers numbered 9910999 through 9911025 in the amount of \$21,524.95.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10229, vouchers numbered 9911026 through 9911028 in the amount of \$3333.43.

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10199, vouchers numbered 9911029 through 9911030 in the amount of \$3847.49.

YOUTH FUND – Abstract #51, voucher number 9901131 in the amount of \$1978.20.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, approving payment application #5 for Kingsley Arms for the WWTP phase II as per recommended by Delaware Engineering.

The Village Board reviewed the bids received for the gym floor entranceway project.

Three bids were received:

Bast Hatfield - \$7,597.00

B. Powell Flooring - \$6,804.00

Schraeders Hudson - \$4,573.52

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Lasher, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor, to accept Schraeders proposal, that being the lowest responsible bid, for the gym entranceway flooring.

The Village Board reviewed the bids received for the sidewalk project. Three bids were received :

Callanan - \$33,333.00

Bast Hatfield - \$61,762.00

MJR & Sons - \$28,900.00

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, to award the bid to MJR & Sons, being the lowest responsible bidder, for the sidewalk project.

MOTION made by Trustee June, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, to adjourn meeting this evening at 9:45PM.

Good Night!

MJ Wynne