

ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

September 22, 2010

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

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also in attendance.

PLEDGE to the Flag.

PUBLIC:

1. *John Pulice, resident of the Village and member of the Athens Fire Department,* attended the meeting to discuss the Fire Department's pizza sign which is located on Water Street across from Stewarts. Last year the Village Board requested that the Fire Department only leave the Pizza Sign on the Street from Wednesday until Thursday evening or early Friday morning. Before this request they were allowed to leave the sign out for a longer period of time.

The Fire Department is asking that the Village Board reconsider and allow the Fire Department to leave the sign out for a longer period of time since their sales have been down this year. The Fire Department sincerely feels that keeping the sign out for a longer stretch of time during the week increases their sale of pizzas.

The Fire Department has also noticed that there are other vendors around the Village that put 'sandwich board' signs on the sidewalks advertising other types of sales/services without permission from the Village Board.

Trustee Sopris makes a MOTION to allow the Pizza sign for the Athens Fire Department to be placed across from Stewarts, at the Village wastewater plant on Water Street from Monday through Thursday. Motion seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor.

2. *Dawn Palmateer and David Cole, Court Clerk and Justice, respectively,* attended the Village Board Meeting due to the fact that the NYS Comptroller's office requested that they (VB) audit the Courts financial records. They also discussed the possible consolidation of the Village Court with the Town Court.

Ms. Palmateer provided her records and bank reconciliations to the Village Board. The Village Board reviewed them.

3. *Diane Michener, resident of N. Montgomery Street,* attended the meeting at the request of the Code Enforcement Officer. Ms. Michener resides in the historic district and not knowing that Village Code does not allow you to 'black top' driveways/sidewalks in this district accomplished this project.

She apologized to the Village Board and stated that she was unaware that this was a violation.

Instead of having Ms. Michener dig up the sidewalk, the Village Board will write her a letter stating the fact that they will allow it even though it does violate village code. Future projects must be reviewed by Code Enforcement Officer and Planning Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NYSDEC. Re: Athens WWTP Upgrade plans. Copy of letter from DEC to Delaware Engineering.
2. NYSDEC. Re: Notice/Renewal Application/Permit for Village of Athens WWT Facility and Brick Row WWT Facility.
3. BlueShield of Northeastern NY. Re: Rating Filing Notification.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

GENERAL FUND-vouchers numbered #9910181 through #9910217. Abstract #1614.
WATER FUND – vouchers numbered #9910220 through #9910224. Abstract #10204.
SEWER FUND – voucher number 9910219. Abstract #10178.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, approving the Minutes from Meetings held on August 11, August 25 and September 8, 2010.

Ron Puhalski notified the Village Board that the Pumpkin Parade will be held on October 24, 2010.

The Draft Zoning Recommendation Document was discussed at length.

Financial Reports for the month of August 2010 have been distributed to all Village Board Members.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher that the television in the DPW Garage be removed.

Trustee Sopris votes aye.

Trustee June votes no.

RESOLUTION passes.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Sopris, all in favor to exit Executive Session and resume the Regular Work Meeting.

The Village Board discussed the DPW Director's clothing allowance and it was agreed that a clothing allowance will be put in the job description and that the DPW Director will receive this after he has signed his job description.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Sopris, all in favor, to adjourn the meeting this evening at 9:30PM.

GOOD NIGHT!

Mary Jo Wynne