

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes—February 12, 2014 Time: 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Christian Pfister, Trustee Herman Reinhold, Trustee Robert June and Trustee Anthony Patsky.

Trustee Gail Lasher Absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Department Head Reports

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| 1. DPW | Dennis Proper |
| 2. VRI | Kenny Sabia |
| 3. Police | Chief Roger Masse |
| 4. Fire Department | Fire Chief Jim Robinson Jr. |
| 5. Code Enforcement | Mike Ragaini |
| 6. Village Attorney | Tal Rappleyea |

APPLICATION: Athens Fire Department. Applicant: Jessica Vermilyea.

Presentation from Paul Brown on Evo-World Biomass Boilers

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes from the January 22, 2014 Meeting be approved.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Clerk is authorized to pay the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1780, vouchers numbered #9913365 through #9913399 in the amount of \$77,252.43

WATER FUND – Abstract #10295, vouchers numbered #9913400 through #9913407 in the amount of \$8,686.94

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10267, vouchers numbered #9913408 through #9913413 in the amount of \$1,909.29 and Abstract #10268, voucher number #9913414 in the amount of \$30.03.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution to Approve Payment Application #3 for the Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation Project

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering has reviewed the work outlined in Payment Application #3 and found it to be satisfactory,

WHEREAS, the amount requested in this application is \$6,080.00,

WHEREAS, the remaining balance for this project is \$150,984.05

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby approve Payment #3 from Insituform Technologies for the Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation Project

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

4. Motion to Approve an Outdoor Entertainment Permit for Athens Street Festival for the period of July 11-13, 2014

Offered by: Trustee June

Seconded by: Trustee Reinhold

Record of vote: All in favor

5. Motion to Approve the Use of Riverfront Park by the Athens Street Festival Committee for the period of July 10-13, 2014

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: All in favor

6. Proposed Resolution Approving the Replacement of Gym Lights

WHEREAS, four gym lights are currently out of service due to vandalism and use,

WHEREAS, the Village's electrician has reviewed the condition of the existing lights,

WHEREAS, he has recommended LED lamps as a low energy, long lasting option, saving over 50% of normal power consumption,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes purchase and installation of LED lamps for the gym from B.A. Electrical Construction and Maintenance at a total cost not to exceed \$2000.

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of vote:

TABLED until next meeting

7. Proposed Resolution Establishing New Sewer Rate

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens was served with an order on consent which required improvements to the waste water treatment plant and reduction of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens approved the issue of serial bonds to fund these improvements,

WHEREAS, the sanitary sewer system faces an increase in annual operating expenses,

WHEREAS, the sanitary sewer system must be self funded and fiscally sound,

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2014, the Village of Athens held a public hearing on a proposed increase in the current sewer rates,

BE IT RESOLVED, the quarterly sewer rate will be increased from \$109.00 to \$129.00 per quarter in accordance with Article 14 of Village Law.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

8. Motion Establishing August 23, 2014 as the Date for Village Wide Yard Sale

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

9. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Contract with Lamont Engineering for the Design of Union Street Culvert

WHEREAS, an examination of the Union Street culvert revealed severe deterioration,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the present design of the roadway at this site would benefit from a widening of the street,

WHEREAS, Central Hudson is currently installing a new gas distribution line in the Union Street right of way,

WHEREAS, Peckham Materials has offered to assist the Village of Athens in the placement of a new culvert as part of the gas line installation,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has solicited a proposal for engineering services from Lamont Engineers for the design of Union Street Culvert Project,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to contract with Lamont Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 for the design of the Union Street Culvert Project.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of Vote: All in favor

10. Proposed Resolution to Authorize the Use of the Street of the Village of Athens for the Brinkerhoff Memorial Bicycle Race

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has previously hosted the Trooper David Brinkeroff Memorial Race Series,

WHEREAS, the Brinkerhoff Race has always been managed professionally,

WHEREAS, the Brinkerhoff Race has raised substantial funds for local charities and organizations,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens does hereby authorize the use of designated streets for the Brinkerhoff Race on March 15, March 22 and March 29 and be it further,

RESOLVED that the Chief of Police of the Village of Athens is authorized to assign an officer to provide coverage for this event.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Seconded by Trustee June
Record of vote: All in favor

11. Proposed Resolution for EAP Services for 2014

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign an agreement with EAP Services of the Mid-Hudson Valley for drug testing services.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

12. Proposed Resolution accepting Resignations from the following Police Officers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the resignations submitted by Police Officer Michael Veeder and Police Officer Scott Mullen

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

13. Proposed Resolution approving the application for the Athens Volunteer Fire Department.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts and approves the application for membership completed by Jessica Vermilyea and submitted by the Fire Chief to join the Volunteer Fire Department.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of vote: All in favor

14. Proposed Resolution to purchase a snowblower.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the DPW Director to purchase a snowblower for the village at a cost not to exceed \$2500.00

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee June
Record of vote: All in favor

1. Letter from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services: Hurricane Sandy claims processed in the amount of \$13,442.54.
2. Letter from NYS Teamsters Council Health and Hospital Fund: Announcement of new rates.
3. Notice from AIG: New rates for the Employee Benefits Plan (Life, Dental and Vision) for non-union
4. Letter from Casey McCarthy: Request for Re-Evaluation of Winter Parking Regulations
5. NYSDPS: Notification that the West Point Partners application is now considered complete.

Mayor's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Sewer Rates/Assessments for Vacant Houses
2. WPP and A/C Projects
3. Water Meter Bids

New Business

1. DPW Contract: Executive Session
2. Health Insurance
3. Personnel Issues: Executive Session?
4. Tax Cap and Next Budget.
5. DPW Garage: Where from here?
6. Volunteer of the Year Awards

Trustee Reports

Clerk's Report

1. Financial Reports
2. Budget Preparations
3. Audit support
4. Athens Street Festival Trust and Agency Account

Adjournment

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

Time: 9:50PM

Mary Jo Wynne