

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, March 27, 2013

Members Present: Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustees Bob June, Herman Reinhold, Anthony Patsky, Gail Lasher, Attorney Tal Rapplyea and Acting Secretary, Peggy Snyder

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Smallwood

Pledge to the Flag

Department Head Report's

John Pieruzzi from APAC talked about the bands that will be performing this year at the park. Asked for a permit to use the park on Friday evenings from 7pm to 9:30pm for the music in the park program starting the third week in June. Trustee June requested that at the end of the season the Board will receive a report regarding the band that performed and the approximate number in attendance. A motion was made by Trustee Reinhold to approve the permit for Music in the Park and seconded by Trustee June. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

- Mayor Smallwood stated that the following is all the communications received this month:
 1. Columbia County Health care Consortium. Re: 5th annual Greene County Community Cancer Fundraiser – *Information will be posted if anyone would like to attend.*
 2. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: CASE 04-M-0159 Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Examine the Safety of Electric Transmission and Distribution Systems – *will be posted and available to read at leisure.*
 3. Delaware Engineering, PC. Re: Copy of letter written from Delaware Engineering to NYSDEC regarding Consent Order R4-2001-0313-35M4, I&I remediation. – *This information is included in each of the Trustees packets for their review. A decision on this will have to be made soon. This will cause a \$29.24 increase yearly.*
 4. Delaware Engineering, PC. Re: Brick Row Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineering Evaluation – *This information also included in Trustees packet for their review. \$5000 to \$6000 estimated cost for repairs to pump.*
 5. Animal Crackers / Kim Williams. Re: Application for use of the Community Center. – Permission being requested for use of the hall on 3/28 from 8am – 11am for an Easter Egg Hunt. *Motion made by Trustee Reinhold to approve the use of the Community Center for the Animal Crackers Nursery school, motion seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, motion carried.*

Other Business

- Mayor Smallwood is working with incumbent Mayor Phister to bring him up to date on all projects.
- There will be a meeting next week with Ken, Delaware Engineering, Chris and Board Members to talk about the work Delaware is doing right now.
- April 27th will be Clean up Day at the Village recycle center.
- The Mayor has received a call from Michael Black regarding the tree that is buckling the sidewalk and the effect it is having on his business. This area will be added to the list with Dennis for when the tree person comes again.
- The annual Fire Department dinner will be held on April 13th.

- Two people have requested information on the revolving loan fund from Brick Row but they would like the lien to be placed on only one property. Attorney Rappleya will advise on this.
- Trustee Reinhold stated that it is being considered to call Athens Village Day Community Day so it includes the Town as well as the Village.
- Trustee Reinhold made a motion for the approval of the Park to be used on June 8th for the purpose of holding Community Day, motion seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, motion carried.
- Monday, April 1, 2013 will be the Organizational Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Review of Tentative Budget

- The following items will have money added to the amounts in the tentative budget. No real determination can be complete until there is an updated tentative budget presented. The tax levy will go down and taxes should not go up.
 - DPW Garage reserve
 - Water savings meter
 - Fire Truck reserve
 - Road materials
 - Training for Firemen
 - Tree trimming
 - Police personnel
- Trustee June made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on April 10, 2013 for Tentative Budget, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, motion carried.

Bills

Trustee June motioned to pay bills, seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee June motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lasher, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Smallwood at 8:12pm.

Incumbent Mayor Chris Pfister thanked Mayor Smallwood for all the information and help she has been giving him to make a smooth transition. He also acknowledged all her many years of service to the Athens community and all of her accomplishments over those years.

Mayor Smallwood thanked her board and wished Chris well and said she would always be available for questions. She stated that her biggest allies were her sense of humor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Snyder
Acting Secretary