

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes—August 28, 2013 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

Public Agenda

1. *Sandra Strauss, resident of the village*, attended the meeting in response to the Village Board's decision to close the Recycle Center located behind the Athens Fire House. Ms. Strauss presented a letter to the Village Board noting her reasons why she feels that the recycle center should be left open.

After some discussion by the Village Board the Mayor stated that he supports the decision the Board has made to close the center for a number of reasons, the main one being that many people have abused the center by dropping off garbage and other items that the Village must remove at the Village's expense because these items are not recyclable.

He also noted that there is a recycle center located at the County waste facility 3 miles down the road.

2. *Trever Baldwin, Eagle Scout*, attended the meeting to inform the Village Board that he has completed the project at the bandstand. Trevor had approached the Village Board in the Spring- time with a proposal to do maintenance work on the bandstand in order to earn his badge. The work has now been completed.

The Mayor and the Village Board thanked Trevor for a job well done.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes as amended for the July 24th and August 14th meetings are accepted

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 # 1758, vouchers numbered #9912892 through #9912909 and voucher number #9912925 in the amount of \$17,146.20.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10284, vouchers numbered #9912910 through #9912915 in the amount of \$2,026.28.

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10253, vouchers numbered #9912916 through #9912918 in the amount of \$584.86 and Abstract #10254, voucher number #9912929 in the amount of \$59.09

YOUTH FUND – Abstract #62, vouchers numbered #9912919 through #9912924 in the amount of \$3,978.96.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Motion to Accept the Resignation of Charlene Riley from the Zoning Board of Appeals

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

4. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Contract with Cyprian Films, New York LLC for the Use of Municipally Owned Facilities in the Village of Athens

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: All in favor

5. Resolution Authorizing the Village Attorney to Proceed with Draft of Firearms/Bow Law

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has been approached by members of the Athens Sportsmen's Club to allow bow hunting within the Village limits,

WHEREAS, all the laws and regulations of the State of New York regarding hunting and the discharge of firearms and bow in the supercede local law,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain areas of the Village are not conducive to the safe discharge of firearms and bows,

WHEREAS, it has been determined the best way to maintain the safety of the residents of the Village, where hunting is permitted, would be to regulate the discharge of firearms and bows in those areas,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Attorney is hereby authorized to draft a law governing the discharge of firearms and bows in the Village

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of vote:

Held until next meeting.

6. Motion Accepting the Proposal of Delaware Engineering to Update Water Meter Survey and prepare Bid documents

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of vote:

Held until next meeting.

Correspondence

1. Trever Baldwin: Eagle Scout Project
2. Letter from Cyprian Films Requesting Use of Village Facilities for Filming
3. Surveys from the Youth Program
4. Notice of Violation from NYSDOH: Failure to submit Disinfectant Byproducts testing
5. Notice of Violation from NYSDOH: Failure to submit Microbiological Contaminants testing
6. Athens Cultural Center: Invitation to Major Works by Minors Exhibition
7. Letter of Resignation: Charlene Riley: ZBA
8. NYSDOH: Notice of DWSRF Storm Mitigation Loan Program

Mayor's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Water Meter Project
2. NYMIR Facility Use Document
3. Gas expansion Update
4. I & I Project Update
5. Fuel Oil Bids/Propane Bids: Anthony
6. Bow Hunting in Village

New Business

1. Need bids on Carpet cleaning: Anthony
2. Brief discussion of possible lobby restoration
3. Non-Profits and their Relationship to the Village: Framing the discussion
4. ACF Applications

Clerk's Report

1. Audit Progress
2. Financial reports

Trustee Reports

Adjournment at 8:30PM.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

Mary Jo Wynne