

Athens Village Board Meeting January 28, 2009

PRESENT: Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Chris Pfister, Trustee Tom Sopris, Trustee Herman Reinhold and Trustee Tim O'Leary.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragani, Fire Department Chief John Greco, and Village Attorney Brent Stack were also in attendance.

PLEDGE to the Flag.

APPLICATION: Water and Sewer. **APPLICANT:** Nadia Multari. No show.

The Fire Department 'Fire truck committee' attended the meeting to discuss the possible purchase of a new fire truck.

After contemplating whether to purchase a new fire truck at this point in time, being that the economy is in such poor shape, the truck committee would like the Village to consider the purchase of a used aerial ladder fire truck from the Village of Catskill. The truck committee would like the Village to purchase a new fire truck in the next few years. The new purchase would be for a pumper truck.

Member of the Committee Bill Tompkins suggested that the Village Board consider paying off the long term debt on the newly purchased fire truck in a few years and then purchase a new truck with another low interest loan. Perhaps the money going towards the truck reserve in this year's budget could instead be used to pay the loan off.

After discussion, a **RESOLUTION** was made by Trustee Sopris, 2nd by Trustee O'Leary, a.i.f., authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a price with President Vince Seely of Catskill for their used aerial ladder fire truck with funds being used from the Fire Truck Reserve Fund to pay for the purchase of the new used truck.

PUBLIC:

1. Herbie Blasewitz, Chairperson of the Athens Street Festival attended the meeting to update the Village Board on their plans for this years Festival.

Mr. Blasewitz stated that the date of the Festival is July 11th, 2009, rain date July 12th, 2009.

Trustee Reinhold moved that a **RESOLUTION** be made to Appoint the following members to the Athens Street Festival Committee:

Herbie Blasewitz- Chairperson, entertainment, tents, fireworks

Patty Whiteman –Treasurer

Jeff Wood – Vendors

Zack and Brittney Wood- Vendors

Al and Betty Jean Poole- Historian and car show

Ron and Holly Greco – Car show

Sharon Palmateer- Program, Information, Sales

Tom and Maury Moore- Program

Joanne Blasewitz- Information, Sales

R.J. Hummer – Photographer

Bill Van Schaack- Emergency Services

Chris Pfister- Village Board liason, golf carts, porto-potties

Herman Reinhold- Village Board liaison.

RESOLUTION seconded by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Keith Rodan. Re: Request to use Riverfront Park. A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., authorizing them to use the park as permitted as long as there is no construction going on.
2. NYS Assembly Republican Task Force. Re: Invitation to a Roundtable.
3. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: Notice soliciting informal written comments- in the matter of reviewing and amending the Electric Sub metering Regulations.
4. Gordon W. Bennett, Assessor- Town of Coxsackie. Re: Asking for notification of any construction or demolition of real property owned in the Town.
5. United States Senator Charles E. Schumer. Re: National Endowment for the Humanities- Americas Historical and Cultural Organizations Grants Program.
6. Greene County Department of Emergency Services. Re: Meeting regarding December 11, 2008 storm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f., to hold Athens Yard Sale day on August 29, 2009 – raindate August 30, 2009.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Sopris, 2nd by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f., to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee O'Leary, a.i.f., to exit Executive Session and resume the regular work meeting.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Pfister, 2nd by Trustee Reinhold, a.i.f. to increase Vincenzo Multari's hourly rate of pay by .50 (hourly rate will now be \$15.58 per hour) retroactive from the time that he received his Class B CDL license and also to reimburse him \$90.00 for the cost of obtaining his CDL license.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee Pfister, to sell the 'Jaws of Life –extrication tool' to the West Athens Lime Street Fire Department for \$1.00 as a show of good faith to the Athens Volunteer Fire Department.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris to pursue having the Village Attorney compose a RESOLUTION and attach to all future applications for Police attending the Police Academy stating the Villages position in the matter. No 2nd on RESOLUTION until the Village Attorney composes the RESOLUTION.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, 2nd by Trustee O'Leary, a.i.f., to extend Leah Rhodes lease, with no increase, for use of office space in the Community Center building for another year. Current lease expires on February 28, 2009.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee Pfister, a.i.f., approving minutes from meetings held on November 24, 2008, December 10, 2008 and January 14, 2009.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f. to transfer the following appropriations:

- \$8826.00 from A9010.8 (Employees Retirement) to A1420.1 (Attorney).
- \$4000.00 from A5650.4B (Parking Lot-fence) to A1420.1 (Attorney).
- \$2800.00 from A5650.4 (Parking Lot lease) to A1420.1 (Attorney).

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, 2nd by Trustee Sopris, a.i.f. that the following vouchers be paid:

GENERAL- Abstract #1530.

With the exception of the following two invoices:

* Do not pay Delaware Engineering invoice from October 2008 in the amount of \$1,082.33. Pay Delaware Engineering invoice from September in the amount of \$4080.95 and invoice from November 2008 for \$136.90.

* Hold Harkins invoice for change order #4 (WSIP) in the amount of \$2,225.25 until next meeting.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold to adjourn tonight's meeting at 10:00PM.

Good evening!

Mary Jo Wynne