

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

MINUTES—June 26, 2013 Time: 6:30 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Christian Pfister, Trustee Herman Reinhold, Trustee Robert June and Trustee Gail Lasher.

ABSENT: Trustee Anthony Patsky.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input and Presentations

1. *Steve Burger, representing Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp.*, attended the meeting to present the Village Board with their plan for the installation of a natural gas supply line running from the West Athens transmission line into the Village of Athens (Peckham location).

The presentation included details on the two phase project and location of the line through the village.

Mr. Burger answered questions from the public and the Village Board.

2. *John Pulice and Peter Pascuzzi, village residents*, attended the meeting on behalf of the American Legion building. They would like the Village Board to consider reducing their charge for water. They state that the building is not used very often, their organization is having a tough time paying their bills and the amount of water used is minimal.

The Mayor noted that they are already getting a discounted rate at half price their water charge. Perhaps when the Village installs new meters the rate structure can be analyzed to come up with a new rate structure for non-profits.

The Village Board will consider the request when rates are reevaluated in the future.

3. *Karen Tern, property owner in the Village*, attended the meeting to discuss the fact that she received a bill for services from the village when they mowed and weed-wacked her lawn. She does not live at the property and was unaware that it was a problem.

She questioned the amount of the bill considering it is a very small piece of property and she also questioned why she was not warned about the problem so that she may have taken care of it herself.

The Mayor stated that there are a number of homes that have not had their lawns mowed or weeds taken care of. It has become a problem also because of the rain. He also noted that Ms. Tern's property was trimmed before Memorial Day as the property is along the parade route

The Village Board agreed to discount the bill by 50%.

Ms. Tern noted that she has found someone to mow the lawn for her in the future.

4. *Bella Cucina: Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application*. No show. Application put on hold since the Village Board

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers

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

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution Awarding Parking Lot Tree Bid

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens did solicit bids for the supplying of trees at the Municipal Parking Lot,

WHEREAS, the Village did receive (2) two bids, for the project,

WHEREAS, the bid of Story's Nursery, at \$3375.00 was the lowest responsible bid received,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens does hereby award the bid for the parking lot trees to Story's Nursery for an amount of \$3375.00.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

3. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Fire Chief to Purchase Fire Hose Nozzles

WHEREAS, the Chief Robinson has brought it to the Board's attention that four fire nozzles need to be replaced immediately,

WHEREAS, the current nozzles represent a safety risk,

WHEREAS, the TFT nozzles represent a much improved level of performance,

WHEREAS, pricing for this product is consistent from vendor to vendor,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens does hereby authorize the Fire Chief to purchase two TFT FlipTip Nozzles and two TFT Flip Tip Integrated Ball Shutoff Nozzles for a delivered price of \$3045.00.

Offered by: Trustee June

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

4. Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Contract with General Control Systems for Purchase of Software Maintenance Services

WHEREAS, the current warranty covering the operating software at the Main WWTP is due to expire,

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering PC recommends that a software maintenance contract be in place to ensure coverage during any emergency outage,

WHEREAS, General Control designed the original software system for the WWTP,

WHEREAS, WTP is also deemed to be in need of software maintenance coverage,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does, hereby, authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with General Control Systems to provide priority emergency coverage and routine maintenance for the Village's WWTP and WTP software systems at a cost not to exceed \$4950.00, monies coming from appropriations F8340.4 (\$2500.00) and G8989.4 (\$2450.00)and,

It is further resolved, that if billing exceeds \$4950.00, additional expenditures will require the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

5. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Lease with the Athens Cultural Arts Center, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has been asked by the Athens Cultural Arts Center, Inc. to provide a lease agreement to assure the ongoing operation of the Athens Cultural Center programs at 24 Second Street,

WHEREAS, the Athens Cultural Arts Center, Inc. has consistently provided valuable programs to the residents of the Village of Athens,

WHEREAS, the Athens Cultural Arts Center, Inc. has carried out ongoing enhancements to the building at 24 Second Street,

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney has reviewed the lease and found it to protect the interests of the Village,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to sign the attached lease agreement with the Athens Cultural Arts Center, Inc.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

6. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Forward a Letter of Support to Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for the Installation of a Gas Supply Line to Peckham Industries

WHEREAS, residents of Village and Town of Athens have expressed an interest in bringing natural gas supply lines to certain areas of the Village and Town,

WHEREAS, Peckham Industries has expressed an interest in securing a natural gas supply for its facilities located in the Village of Athens,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens feels that the availability of natural gas would greatly aid local industries and enhance the life of its citizens,

WHEREAS, the existence of a supply line to a major industrial customer such as Peckham Industries would be a major step towards creating a feasible economic basis for developing additional supply lines throughout the Village of Athens,

WHEREAS, Central Hudson Gas & Electric is the holder of a franchise agreement with the Village and Town of Athens,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to Draft a letter of support for the proposed installation, by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, of a natural gas supply line from its West Athens Transmission line to the Village of Athens.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

7. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Greene County YMCA to Utilize Village Facilities

WHEREAS, the Greene County YMCA will be sponsoring “The Greene Y Tri” in Sleepy Hollow Lake on Saturday, September 7th, 2013,

WHEREAS, the organizers of this event are requesting access to certain streets of the Village of Athens,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes that such events bring economic benefits to the community and promote healthy lifestyles,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens authorizes the Greene County YMCA to utilize the streets, identified in its June 25 letter to the Village, for the Greene Y Tri (triathlon) on September 7th, 2013 and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police will coordinate police coverage with other law enforcement agencies involved with the event.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

Correspondence

1. Terrence Jones: Drainage along Marlboro Street
2. Champlain –Hudson Procedural Notices
3. Letter from Greene County YMCA: September 7th Triathlon

Mayor’s Report

Unfinished Business

1. Street Paving: Brick Row
2. Workforce Investment Board Program
3. Park Electric
4. Stewart house
5. Gym Security
6. Tree trimming
7. Lawn mowing contract
8. Personnel issue at WWTP

New Business

1. Water Meter Project
 - a. Where does project stand
 - b. Finances
 - c. Development of Bid Specifications
 - d. Engineering Support
 - e. Timetable
 - f. Installation process

Clerk's Report

Trustee Reports

Adjournment

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

Adjourn meeting at 8:45PM