

ATHENS VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2010

PRESENT: Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustee Herman Reinhold, Trustee Tom Sopris and Trustee Gail Lasher.
Trustee Robert June absent.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini, Fire Department Chief John Greco and Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea were also in attendance.

PLEDGE to the Flag.

APPLICATION: Athens Fire Department. **Applicant:** Caitlyn Lubera (present) and Stephen Quick (not present). A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, approving their membership to the Athens Fire Department per advice of Fire Chief Grecco.

PUBLIC:

1. *Jay Muller, Eagle Scout in the Village of Athens*, attended the meeting to ask the Village Board's permission to do some volunteer work at the Athens Dog Park in order to obtain his status as an Eagle Scout. He would like to re-stain some of the picnic tables and signs. He would also like to remove some of the algae from the pond as well.

Trustee Sopris inquired as to how many kids would be involved in the project and how long they would be working up there.

Mayor Smallwood also asked what they would be using to clean the algae from the pond. She made it clear that no chemicals should be used on the pond.

Mr. Muller stated that they would only be using 'green' products.

The Village Board approved of the project contingent upon them receiving an 'ok' from the Village Attorney and the Insurance Company.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Rivertown Housing Development. Re: Water/Sewer Bill. The Village received half of the amount that is due for water and sewer.
2. Town of Athens Board of Assessment Review. Re: Order of the Board of Review for Change in Assessments.
3. Board of Assessment Review – Town of Athens. Re: Designation of Date of Meetings to Review Assessments Pursuant to Section 553 of the Real Property Tax Law.

4. Joint Landfill Venture. Re: April Statement.
5. NYS Dept. of Public Service. Re: "Energy Efficiency: Use less energy. Save more Green.
6. Greene County Legislature. Re: RESOLUTION NO. 216-10 Authorizing Distribution of Mortgage Tax.
7. Greene County Legislature. Re: RESOLUTION NO. 195-10 Awarding Fuel Oil Bids. RESOLUTION made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor agreeing to join with the County in purchasing Fuel oil from the lowest bidder for the June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011 year (Kingston Oil Supply Corp. – KOSCO). Letter will be sent to the County.
8. Peter J. Coons. Re: Fourth Street changes.
9. EFC. Re: Financing for the WWTP phase II.
10. Rip Van Winkle Tobacco-Free Action of Columbia and Greene Counties. Re: Cigarette butt pickup.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A MOTION was made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee Sopris, all in favor, approving payment of the following vouchers:

GENERAL FUND- Abstract #1600.

WATER FUND- Abstract #10197.

The Village Board agreed to pay Stephen Brandow (Police Officer) his uniform allowance even though it does not agree with the terms of their contract.

Robert Fensterer was invited to appear before the Village Board this evening per the Village Board's request to discuss his intentions for cleaning the property he owns at 59 N. Franklin Street (Structure fire). He stopped in the Village Office today stating that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting and that he began cleaning the property today and it will be finished shortly.

After discussion with the Code Enforcement Officer Mike Ragaini, the Village Board decided that the CEO should send Mr. Fensterer a letter notifying him that he has one week to finish cleaning the property before further action will be taken.

A RESOLUTION was made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor authorizing the Mayor to sign a Service Contract with Kool-Temp for the A/C in the Firehouse.

A MOTION was made by Trustee Sopris, seconded by Trustee Reinhold, all in favor to adjourn the meeting this evening at 8:30PM.

Good job- good evening!

Mary jo Wynne