

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, July 27, 2011

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

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.
Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm by Mayor Smallwood

Pledge to the Flag

Carrie Feder and Randall Evans attending meeting to discuss a resolution from two years ago regarding property boundary. Attorney Scott Chalo attending meeting to speak on the legalities. Maps, pictures and written documentation brought by the property owners. The main house was built in 1724 and the addition in 1776. The property owners are requesting a quick claim deed.

Trustee Patsky made a motion for Mayor Smallwood to sign a quick claim deed stating that the Village claims no ownership of the property in question as there is no value to the Village. Trustee June seconded the motion. Trustee Reinhold voted nay as he did not know if there would be any future value to the village. Trustee's June, Patsky and Mayor Smallwood voted in favor with Trustee Reinhold opposed. Majority in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Smallwood introduced Robert Wager as a new employee for the DPW.

Herbie Blasewitz and Michael Wyant came before the board with an estimate to repair the lawn at the Riverfront Park. Herbie has an estimate from North Country Landscape for hydro seeding for \$2900. He has also spoken to Rick Albright and several volunteers to help hand seed the Park. Herbie stated that right now it is too hot to seed the Park and it should not be done until after Labor Day. The board stated that they wanted it done in the fall and that it would have to be re-done in the spring if it did not take so the work would have to be under warranty. *Trustee Reinhold made a motion for Herbie Blasewitz, Mike Wyant and Rick Albright to hand seed the lawn, place hay over the seed and for the DPW to water daily and for the work to be done after Labor Day. The same crew will have to inspect the Park in the spring and re-seed if necessary. Bob June seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.*

Diane Presti from the Columbia Greene Health care Consortium was present to speak about the prescription access program. The program is based on income and type of insurance. They are sponsored through the Dyson Foundation and there is no cost for their help. Diane distributed information to all board members and public in attendance. Trustee Reinhold stated that the information should be placed on the Village website and in the water bills if possible.

Attorney Report

Mayor Smallwood asked what the general rule is for public hearings when raising sewer rates. Attorney Rapplyea state the general rule for public hearings is 30 days notice to raise rates, but he will check to see that no changes have been made to this. The notice should go into the paper on August 14th for a public hearing on September 14th.

Mayor Smallwood asked about donating the old police car to the Police Academy because there is no value. Attorney Rapplyea stated that the car can be donated to the Police Academy by declaring the vehicle a minimalist value and signing over the registration.

Correspondence

- Mayor Smallwood stated that the following is all the communications received this month:
 1. Joshua Lackie, owner of Cameo's Restaurant. Re: Renewal of liquor license.
This was just a notification.
 2. CSArch. Re: Copy of letter sent to neighbors of EJ Arthur Elementary School concerning construction.
They will start major roof repairs and work will be 24 hours a day.
 3. Keith Rodan and Edye Weissler. Re: Street Festival.
Herbie Blasewitz stated that he has already addressed this problem with the resident when he received the same letter. The porta potties will be moved away from their home at the time of the next Festival.
 4. United State Senate. Re: 2011 Museums for America Grant Program.
Senator Schumer has information on his website regarding this program.
 5. Suzanne Palmer, President of the D.R. Evarts Library. Re: Grounds work to be performed.
Removing four trees and replacing.
 6. NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation. Re: M/BE-EEO Program – Contract #1 Kingsley Arms.
Trustee June motioned to pay the Kingsley bill, trustee Reinhold seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
 7. Greene County Landfill. Re: May Statement.
Information presented.
 8. Herman Reinhold. Re: Request permission to replace two broken sidewalk sections in front of his home.
Mayor Smallwood will provide sidewalk specs. Trustee June motioned to approve and to follow the sidewalk specs. Seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor motion carried, Trustee Reinhold abstained from voting.
 9. Stephanie Wojtowicz, Department of State. Re: Coastal fish and wildlife habitat along the Hudson River.
Fran Dunwell stated it will not affect duck hunting or fishing along the Hudson by Athens.
 10. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution 239-11 – strongly urging the New York State Assembly and Senate to implement improved regulations dealing with all sex offenders and stricter monitoring and/or penalties for those assigned as level two or level three offenders with offenses against children.
Information presented.
 11. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution 242-11 – authorizing Contract – Greene County with Greene County Emergency Medical Services, Inc.
Information presented.
 12. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution 264-11 – approving reimbursement to Community Colleges.
Information presented.
 13. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution 265-11 – Authorizing chargeback of assessment roll related services and materials.
Information presented.
 14. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution 2611 – authorizing chargeback of assessment roll related services and materials.
Information presented.
 15. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution 249-11 – Awarding Bid for #2 Diesel fuel.
Will need to re-visit this matter and consider.
 16. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution 250-11 – awarding Bid for gasoline.

Will need to re-visit this matter and consider.

17. Greene County Legislature. Re: Resolution 251-11 – authorizing Municipalities to participate in county purchases for #2D Diesel Fuel and Gasoline.

Hold until next meeting to see what prices are set at.

Report from Mayor Smallwood

- Several contracts are being negotiated on such as the Department of Public Works Teamster s Contract and operation and maintenance of the water and sewer systems with Veolia Water.
- Zoning Review – The Village Board will need to review the final draft and send comments to Mayor.
- Commercial vehicles being parked in driveway, this is not illegal and does not come under the traffic law. Trustee Reinhold to speak with Police Department for them to start enforcing traffic laws. Will be in the paper that during the month of August Police will be issuing warnings and on September 1st they will start issuing tickets for illegally parked vehicles.

Report from Trustee Reinhold

- Did an article on boating on the Hudson for the paper.
- Who picks up trash at the Little League Field?
The Little League picks up the field and the DPW then picks up the garbage
- Revisions to the website
Trustee Patsky to work with MaryJo on the website

Report from Trustee June

- Water plant without power today for a couple of hours, few minor problems but working through it
- Work is beginning with the DPW on the drying bed at the water plant. Clay was dropped off.

Bills

Trustee Reinhold motioned to pay all bills, motion was seconded by Trustee June, all in favor motion carried

Other Business

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

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Smallwood at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Snyder

Acting Secretary