

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING

Minutes—September 25, 2013 Time: 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Village Attorney Tal Rappleyea was also present.

Public Agenda

1. *Ralph Favicchio, resident of the Village*, attended the meeting to discuss the West Point Partners Project. West Point Partners, LLC is planning on burying a high voltage Direct current transmission line underground from the Leeds substation in the Town of Athens to Buchanan North Substation located in the Village of Buchanan, Town of Cortlandt, Westchester County. The preliminary proposed route would go through the Village on certain designated streets.

Mr. Favicchio is very concerned about this project and has stated that he has done his 'homework' on this company and this project and he would like not only the residents to become more informed but also the Village and Town Board that represent the people in this community.

The only way that residents along the proposed route were informed was by receiving a very vague letter from West Point Partners, LLC's law firm. He finds it disturbing that residents received no notification from their elected officials.

Mr. Favicchio also questioned the Route that they are proposing. Why go through a residential area and also why head north when you are ultimately heading south?

The Mayor stated that West Point Partners, LLC will be holding an informational meeting at the Athens Firehouse on October 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The full application is located at the D.R. Evarts Library as well. Any questions or concerns will be addressed at that time.

The Mayor also stated that the route they are proposing is very preliminary.

2. *Jacqueline Goddeau, resident of the Village*, attended the meeting to also discuss the West Point Partners Project. She has been doing some research on the internet regarding this project and shared some of her findings with the Village Board.

She has concerns regarding the project and also questions some of the information.

The Village Board thanked her for the information.

3. Luigi DiStefano. No show.
4. Cathy and Stan Hewitt. No show.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution to Approve the Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes for the September 11, 2013 meeting are accepted

Offered by: Trustee Lasher
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

2. Proposed Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is authorized to pay the following vouchers as presented:

GENERAL FUND – Abstract #1760, vouchers numbered #9912973 through #9912989, and vouchers numbered #9913003 through #9913004 in the amount of \$35,376.69.

WATER FUND – Abstract #10286, vouchers numbered #9912992 through #9912996, and vouchers numbered #9912998 through 9912990, and vouchers numbered #9912999 and #9913007, in the amount of \$3,148.94

SEWER FUND – Abstract #10256, vouchers numbered #9912991, #9912997, and vouchers numbered #9913000 through #9913002 in the amount of \$4,231.07

Offered by: Trustee June
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

3. Resolution Establishing the Date of a Public Hearing on the Repeal of Chapter 81 Trapping and Shooting

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens will hold a public hearing on the repeal of Chapter 81 Trapping and Shooting of the Code of the Village of Athens at 6:30 pm, on October 9th, 2013.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee Lasher
Record of vote: All in favor

4. Motion Accepting the Proposal of Delaware Engineering to Update Water Meter Survey and Prepare Bid documents at a Cost Not to Exceed \$1500.00.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold
Seconded by: Trustee Patsky
Record of vote: All in favor

5. Resolution Authorizing the Village Clerk to Issue a Request for Proposals for an Automatic Metering Recording System

WHEREAS, the current water metering system in the Village of Athens is obsolete and in need of extensive repairs,

WHEREAS, parts are no longer available for repairs,

WHEREAS, this situation creates a situation where inequities exist in the billing system,

WHEREAS, the current system consumes a substantial amount of valuable time,

WHEREAS, the Village has retained Delaware Engineering to conduct a study of available options,

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering has determined that the Radio Read Option would provide the greatest value to the Village,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Clerk is authorized to advertise for Proposals to provide an Automatic Water Metering System, upon satisfactory completion of the bid documents by Delaware Engineering

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

6. Resolution for Approval of Change Order #1 to Village of Athens Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation Contract #1

WHEREAS, it has been determined that repair work must be completed on the sewer lines at Chatham and N. Franklin Streets prior to relining the sewer Contractor,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens lacks available time to complete these repairs,

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering has negotiated a price not to exceed \$17,950.31 for the completion of these repairs

WHEREAS, adequate funding exists in the project budget,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens does hereby approve Change Order #1 to the Village of Athens Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation Contract #1

Offered by: Trustee June

Seconded by: Trustee Patsky

Record of vote: All in favor

7. Resolution for Approval of Change Order #2 to Village of Athens Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation Contract #1

WHEREAS, substantial additional work was required as part of the watermain relocation at MH104,

WHEREAS, the watermain configuration at MH104 did not match available as-built information for this area and required additional work and materials were needed to determine and complete the watermain relocation,

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering has negotiated and approved a price of \$8,210.61 for the work as completed,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens does hereby approve Change Order #1 to the Village of Athens Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehabilitation Contract #2.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

8. Resolution to Purchase Replacement Truck Body

WHEREAS, the existing truck body on the 1999 International dump truck has deteriorated to a point of no repair,

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Board of Acquisition and Contract did Award Bid # 1606 to five vendors including Henderson Truck Equipment, Watertown, NY,

WHEREAS, THE Oneida County of Acquisition and Contract did on June 12, 3013 extend Bid #1606 to November 14, 201,

WHEREAS, THE Village of Athens Department of Public Works has reviewed the specification provided by Henderson Truck Equipment and determined it to be acceptable,

WHEREAS, there is a two month lead time for the execution of any contract that is awarded,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that adequate funds exist in the Department of Public Works Equipment Reserve Fund,

WHEREAS, expenditures from the Department of Public Works are subject to a permissive referendum,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute a purchase agreement with Henderson Truck Equipment-NY for installation of a new truck body as described in the Proposal dated 9/16/13 at a delivered cost of \$33, 938.00 upon satisfaction of the permissive referendum requirement.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee

Record of vote:

9. Resolution Authorizing Increase in the General Controls Contract for SCADA Upgrades

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens did contract with General Control in the amount of for security enhancements and upgrades to the SCADA System at the Water Treatment Plant,

WHEREAS, General Control has determined that the existing software and server are not compatible with the Windows 7 platform that is to be used in the upgrade,

WHEREAS, the cost of these upgrades is \$2452.00,

WHEREAS, Delaware Engineering has reviewed the amendment and determined that the additional cost is justified,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Athens approves the additional expenditure of \$2450 with proceeds to be charge to the Water Systems Improvement Project Fund.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

10. Resolution Authorizing the Department of Public Works to Discontinue Water Service

WHEREAS, the water rent account of Nereida and Shirgeo Numata, residing at 1074 Schoharie Turnpike, Town of Athens has repeatedly been delinquent in the payment of water rents,

WHEREAS, THE Village of Athens provides water service to locations outside of the Village at its own discretion,

WHEREAS, Ms. Numata agreed to make a payment on this account,

WHEREAS, upon depositing Ms. Numata's check, the Village was informed that the check would be returned due to insufficient funds in Ms. Numata's account,

WHEREAS, the Village has been unable to contact Ms. Numata,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Department of Public Works to disconnect water service at Schoharie Turnpike, Town of Athens on October 9, 2013 ; and furthermore, establishes that the water service will only be reconnected after the payment of a \$250.00 security deposit, a \$35.00 reconnection fee and after Ms. Numata's water rent account has been made current.

Offered by: Trustee Reinhold

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor

11. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Contract with Story's Nursery

WHEREAS, monies have been donated to the Village of Athens to finance the planting of additional trees around the Village at various locations,

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens has solicited proposals for this project and two proposals were received,

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was received from Story's Nursery, Freehold, NY

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Mayor to contract with Story's Nursery for the completion of the Tree Planting Project 2013 for a price not to exceed \$7500.

Offered by: Trustee Patsky

Seconded by: Trustee Lasher

Record of vote: All in favor

Correspondence

1. Letter from TIA-Creef re: Defined Contribution Plan
2. Request to Use Rainey Field

RESOLUTION made by Trustee Reinhold, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, granting the applicant use of the field given that those in charge sign a hold harmless agreement and have the field returned to the condition that it was when they came.

3. Letter from Re-Create New York Program

4. Notice of Meeting with West Point Partners on Wednesday, October 16 at the Athens Firehouse

Mayor's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Facility Use Document & Policy
2. Gas expansion Update
3. I & I Project Update
4. Athens Community Foundation Application

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. Fire Truck Project
5. Proposed DPW purchase of pipe locator
6. Tax Cap 1.66% next year

Clerk's Report

1. Audit Progress

Trustee Reports

Adjournment 9:45PM

Offered by: Trustee Lasher

Seconded by: Trustee June

Record of vote: All in favor