

**Village of Athens**  
**2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015**  
**Monthly Meeting, May 9, 2012**

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

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.  
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Smallwood

Pledge to the Flag

### **Department Head Report's**

Dennis Proper, Department of Public Works Superintendent reported that he found a sweeper that attaches to the front of the bob cat for \$4800 that he would like to purchase. Drainage work would probably start on The Senior parking lot next week.

### **Review of Subdivision Law**

Mayor Smallwood and Attorney Tal Rappleyea reported that small wording changes occurred on the following pages: Page 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 33, 36, 43 and 46. They listed what each wording change would be in the document.

### **Report from Mayor Smallwood**

- Quote from CPA services for \$5,800. *Trustee June made a motion to hire Alexander Varga to perform a review of the records and submit the Annual report to NYS by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Lasher seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.*
- Parking Lot, *The Mayor reported that the County is going to be doing improvements to the Athens Rivertown Senior Center on Second Street. The Village DPW will be working with the County to do improvements with the drainage in the parking lot and on the street. The sidewalk will also need to be redone in front of the Senior Center. The Mayor is getting quotes on the sidewalk project. The County and Village DPW are liaising on the rest of the project. Some Village CHIPS funds will need to be used for the sidewalk and drainage for this project.*
- Riverfront Park – *getting prices on benches, docks and electrical. Has found benches but need to check on the cost of shipping.*
- Insurance – After reviewing insurance costs the Village will be using Marshall & Sterling and getting Blue Shield Insurance which results in a small savings. It was noted that Dennis Proper has not been providing receipts for his medication costs. It was suggested that he be given a reminder to turn in his receipts and if they do not receive them he will have to pay a portion of his healthcare as was done before.
- Fire Department – Would like to meet with Andrea and Bob. Trustee June and Mayor Smallwood are available on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am for a meeting. Place of meeting to be determined.
- Subdivision Law – *Trustee June motioned to adopt the subdivision law with the minor wording changes seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, motion carried.*
- Mayor Smallwood stated that it was a very nice event at the Annual Fire Department dinner last week.

### **Report from Delaware Engineering on the Sewer Plant project**

Brock Juusola and George Zimmer from Delaware Engineering present to give a report on the progress of the new Sewer Plant. They are ready to do paving tomorrow. Everything should be complete by next month and it would be a good time to do the walk through. The sign is on order, fence going in. All unit processors are working except the chlorine system and SCADA system not complete. There is more electrical work to be completed and painting to be done. The desk and lab area systems are not all complete. Working within budget, everything that has been installed is up and running. Brock will supply a rendering and price quote for new plaque.

Mayor Smallwood stated that one filter is not operating properly at the Water Treatment Plant. Siemens wants \$9,000 for a serviceman to be on site to view the repairs made to filter. Parts are \$7,000. Veolia let the warranty lapse. Ken Sabio, of VRI, stated that he thinks they can do the repair without this added expense of Siemen servicemen being on site.

### **Correspondence**

- Mayor Smallwood stated that the following is all the communications received this month:
  1. Emily Rehak Re: Request to use the Riverfront Park – *The Mayor will look into guidelines before making a decision on this request.*
  2. Greene County Highway Dept. Re: Authorization for Fire Dept. to purchase gas and diesel through Greene County – *all in agreement, copy to Fire Department.*
  3. Town/Village of Athens assessor Re: Change in Assessment – *2 parcels of land that the Village owns, both on North Washington Street, the assessment has gone up on both, Village is tax exempt.*
  4. VRI: Re: Monthly Reports – Report on Brick Row.
  5. Greene County Joint Landfill Venture Re: Statement.
  6. NYS Dept. of Transportation Re: CHIPS statement.
  7. NYS Dept. of State, Bonnie Devine Re: Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs – *Copy to WAC Committee.*
  8. The American Legion, George Stacey Re: Memorial Day Parade – *All Trustees to meet at the Little League Park at 8:30 for line-up; step off at 9am on May 28<sup>th</sup>.*
  9. Jeffrey Rose Re: Thank you – *Copy to Police and Fire Department.*
  10. NYS Public Service Commission Re: Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express – *To file.*
  11. FEMA Re: Report
  12. Delaware Engineering Re: Invoices for WWTP-II

### **Report from Trustee Lasher**

- Nothing to report

### **Report from Trustee Patsky**

- A resident has suggested moving a couple of picnic tables closer to the river in the Park. *Trustee Patsky will talk to Dennis about this.*
- Chief Masse has been very good about sending reports
- The Sheriff's office has stated they will provide Officers for the Street Festival; the State Police still need to be contacted.
- Chief Masse would like to hire three additional part time patrolmen. *Trustee Patsky will check with Chief Masse and to see what the training and clothing allowance expense would be to hire three additional officer's, and what the benefit to the Village would be.*

### **Report from Trustee Reinhold**

### **Report from Trustee June**

- Nothing to report

## **Bills**

Trustee Reinhold motioned to pay bills except Veolia bill and to hold Delaware Engineering bills until they have been checked. Motion seconded by Trustee Patsky, all in favor, motion carried.

## **Other Business**

Trustee June stated that he felt that the \$4800 sweeper should wait until the new budget is all done, everyone in agreement to hold on this action until a later date.

Trustee Reinhold motioned to enter into Executive Session at 9:17 pm to discuss personnel issues, motioned seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Reinhold motioned to exit from Executive Session at 9:35 pm seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Reinhold motion, seconded by Trustee June, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Reinhold motioned to move that Village of Athens' salaried employees not be offered or granted compensatory time. Occasionally salaried employees may have to work over 40 hours a week, but traditionally this does not entitle the employee to overtime or compensatory time.

Trustee June seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Smallwood at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret M. Snyder*  
Acting Secretary