

Village of Athens
2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015
Monthly Meeting, August 25, 2010

Members Present: Mayor Andrea Smallwood, Trustees Herman Reinhold, Gail Lasher, Bob June, Attorney Tal Rappleyea and Acting Secretary, Peggy Snyder.
Trustee Tom Sopris absent.

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Mayor Smallwood

Pledge to the Flag

Public

- Pat Moreton, Re: Driveway on Franklin Street – not present however, Mayor Smallwood stated that the DPW fixed the Morton driveway on Franklin Street and that the Moreton's were happy with the repair.
- Lucille Bertone, Re: Future Homes of Cairo – present at meeting to discuss the home that Mr. & Mrs. Craig would like to put in at the corner of First and Wayne Streets in the Village. The Mayor asked Ms. Bertone if she could please explain the difference between a modular home and a manufactured home. She stated that a manufactured home is built to HUD Federal codes where a modular home is built to State codes. A manufactured home is pre-built and not built on site like a modular. A manufactured home is all 2 X 6 construction and first quality materials. Ms. Bertone stated that the owners have the Serial number for the home and the \$125.00 to register the home. She showed pictures of manufactured and how this home will be installed and finished. Attorney Tal Rappleyea stated that in the zone where this house is being placed that this type of home is not allowed, however, this is considered a re-construction of an existing building representing not more than 50% of value so this project would be allowed. Mayor Smallwood stated to Ms. Bertone that she could go forward with the installation of the home but she is to work with the building code enforcement officer on all aspects of the installation.
- Mary Beth Bianconi and Brock Juusola from Delaware Engineering, Re: Upgrade to sewer plant and I & I remedial work. There are some changes that will now be seen in the estimate that were not in the original plan A new grit system will be needed and the cost was now added in to the estimate. . The new system that would be installed would take out all items, diapers, etc, that should not enter the system. These items will be transferred into a dumpster and the operators will need to empty the dumpster. There will be an up blast fan on the roof and a carbon odor control system. The odor problem would be inside the building, not exterior. Delaware Engineering will apply for EFC and NYSERDA funding. Delaware Engineering will also do an operational summary on costs of operating the plant with the upgrades. Flood plane equipment and dewatering has also been added to the cost estimate due to the lower elevation. The sludge drying beds will be able to be used in the summer months. The plan now goes to DEC for review the I & I work will be critical. Papers left with trustees and Mayor for review.

Discussion Items with Attorney

- The Fire Chief has asked for \$5,000 in matching funds to purchase gear. There is a line item in the budget where money could be moved to for this. Hold until next meeting.
- Rural Water – MOTION made and approved for a contract to have Rural Water do a GIS mapping of the Village sewer system.

- New law for dog licensing, attorney states this is an unfunded new law and the Town and Village clerks will be doing the licensing, mainly a Town issue, copy of letter given to Attorney.
- Noise Law – a draft law was presented to look at by the Attorney and the Board. A Public Hearing will have to be held and be advertised five days prior to the meeting. This law would be hard to enforce and expensive.
- Parking Lot issue- it is time to approach Mr. Fontaine regarding the parking lot. First step is to get an appraisal of the property done.
- Joint Court – there are two options, this would have to be made a local law and a public hearing and a resolution would have to be done. Mayor Smallwood is to draft a letter to the Town informing them that they will be proposing abolishing the Village Court and turning the case load over to the Town.

Attorney Rappleyea left the meeting.

Correspondence

1. PACE University school of Law, Re: Land Use Center.
Training for local board members, left for members to review.
2. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. For a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility.
Power for Jersey side of Hudson River, see photos.
3. NYS Unified Court System. Re: Audit Controls for Court System
4. NYS EFC. Re: CWSRF funding – Transcripts of Financing Documents
For short term financing that will be needed when sewer plant goes in
5. Greene County Department of Planning and Economic Development. Re: Completed Planning and Zoning Referral (239 Review) Form. Ken Landin – Crossroads Brewery.
6. NY Rural Water – Proposal for Mapping Sewer System
Trustee Reinhold makes resolution to hire Rural Water for this contract, seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, carried. *Trustee Reinhold stated that he would like to see an increase in the water and sewer rates. Mayor Smallwood to ask attorney Rappleyea when this could be done.*
7. American Cancer Society – Dog Park Bark for Life Event
Would like permission to use Dog Park for walk for dogs and owners in April of 2011 to raise money for American Cancer Society. Mayor Smallwood will speak to Jane Kerr regarding this before making decision.
8. NYS Department of Agriculture – new dog licensing law
New dog licensing for Trustees to review. As stated earlier this will affect Town more than Village.
9. Cocksackie Athens Class of 2000
Members of the class of 2000 would like to use the Riverfront Park on August 28th starting at 5:30 for a get-together. Mayor Smallwood will have MaryAnn Peters call them in the morning and explain that there is a fee of \$50 to use the park and they have permission to use it once the fee is paid.
10. Application for Crossing Guard
Only one Crossing Guard left, another needed. Susan Sherman of 3 Maple Lane has applied. Mayor Smallwood to check with the Police Chief and see if a background check has been run and then have the Chief interview and make recommendation to board based on interview.

Report from Mayor Smallwood

- Dennis Proper has given a list of clothing needed for himself. Mayor will get a further breakdown of items.
- Need to do job descriptions on three positions (Dennis, Mary Jo, Mary Ann) and how to handle comp time. Vacation time and mechanism for board approval. Job descriptions are also needed for Police Chief and Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Smallwood to write up something and have ready for the board to review at the next meeting.

- Corey Brady needs insurance coverage for college externship scholarship at Plattsburg. Mayor Smallwood to contact the Town of Plattsburg or the Fire Chief of Plattsburg to discuss and see what is needed.
- Athens Community Foundation Grants – discuss at next meeting with full board.
- Mayor Smallwood to create a form for water and sewer leaks that the department of Public Works will need to complete and duplicate the form to the Village.
- Senator Gillibrand has sent an invitation to all for a get together – left for Trustees to see.
- October 23rd will be the Town Clean-Up Day; the Village will provide two crew people to help with this day.

Payment of Bills

Trustee Reinhold made a motion to hold on the payment of bills because of questions on some of the bills. Motion seconded by Trustee Lasher, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Reinhold asked if the next water bill's could have a notice of the new traffic laws enclosed with them to that the public would be informed and the laws could start being enforced.

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

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Smallwood at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret M. Snyder
Acting Secretary