

REGULAR MEETING -- ATHENS TOWN BOARD -- January 22, 2013

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on January 22, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Lee Palmateer with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following people were present: Supervisor Lee Palmateer; Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker and Town Clerk Linda M Stacey.

These people were also present: Steven Van Hoesen; Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Maryanne Stapleton; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple; Mary H. Brandow and Melanie Lekocevic.

The following bills were audited by the Board and ordered paid:  
General Abstract #2, vouchers #19 through #43 inclusive for \$17,061.08.  
Highway Abstract #2, vouchers #4 through #12 inclusive for \$10,868.01.

Supervisor Lee Palmateer swore in **Steven Van Hoesen as Councilman** to fill the position that former Councilman Eugene J. Hatton left vacant. (He has to run for this position in November's Election.)

David Lavoie our Insurance Broker for CDPHP Medical Health Insurance approached the Board to talk about the first renewal time. He went over different choices and rates with them.

After discussion, Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker that for *the active employee we adopt the new rate for CDPHP under the code number of HDEPO 2000 'New option 9/13'*. The motion was carried; Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Van Hoesen; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch that for the *retirees we adopt the new rates for CDPHP under the code number of BSNENY PPO 799 -\$5.00 copay 'New option 3/13'*. This motion was carried. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Van Hoesen; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion authorizing the Town Clerk to ask Historian Lynn Brunner if she would be interested in helping with the Grant 'records'. She is to be informed that she would receive payment of \$12 an hour, this was seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. and carried: Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Van Hoesen; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Grant Writer Bill Roehr informed the Board that a Local Government Efficiency Grant is due in March.

Working on a Grant for the Scuba Team- meeting with the Chief on Thursday.  
A two hour workshop at the firehouse was suggested.

The Safe Routes to school, Application was not funded, and Mr. Roehr is waiting to hear back from DOT for comments on the application.

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple turned in his Annual permit report. He had a total of 48 permits for a valuation of \$1,968,566.00 and total of fee collected, \$9,474.35.

He was asked about Twin Pond Apartments. He informed the Board that the stairways were replaced on both sides.

Attorney Virginia Benedict informed the Board that she received the two large colored zoning maps for the Stanzone property. Discussion followed on changing the map.

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Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. authorizing Attorney Virginia Benedict to prepare the paper work for the local law to rezone Vosenkill and Leeds Athens Road from Agricultural to residential, and to have the public hearing on February 19, 2013 at 7:00, p.m. at the Firehouse. Ayes-3 (Palmateer; Butler; Van Hoesen) Noes-2(Paluch; Dinkelacker) Absent (0) Abstentions-0

The second meeting in February, will on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, and starts at 6:45 pm. This meeting will be held at the Firehouse because the Assessor Laura Chase and Bob Hilbert, of Appraisal Consultants will give the public information regarding the completion of the Re-Val Project and the Upcoming Assessment disclosure mailings to go out after March 1<sup>st</sup>, (Taxable Status Date.)

Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013, as read and amended. Motion carried. Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-0 Absentions-1(Van Hoesen)

Councilwoman April Paluch brought up a Tax Installment Plan Proposal. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

A letter was received from Judge Robinson.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker, and carried. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Van Hoesen; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-o Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.