

A budget workshop was called to order by Supervisor Lee Palmateer at 6:00 pm on October 21, 2013, with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following people present: Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Mary H. Brandow; Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey; Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker and Councilwoman April Paluch.

Line Items were reviewed and discussed.

Meeting was closed at 6:55 pm.

Regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge to the Flag lead by Supervisor Lee Palmateer, at 7:00 pm with the same people present above plus: Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Attorney Sonja Van Bortal; Andrea Smallwood; Pam Allen; Tim O’Leary and Melanie Lekocevic.

The following bills were audited by the Board and ordered paid:

General Abstract #20, vouchers #494 through #513 inclusive for \$18,505.57.

Highway Abstract #19, vouchers #165 through #182 inclusive for \$23,266.86.

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. the following **RESOLUTION #2013-29** to adopt the *Tentative Budget for 2014 as the Preliminary Budget for 2014 and set the date of November 7, 2013 as the Public Hearing, at 7:00 pm.* was adopted and carried. Ayes- 4 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0

Councilman Steven Van Hoesen Arrived at this time- 7:15 pm

Discussion followed on a Consultant being hired jointly with the Village (split charges); this would be an expert Environmentalist Engineer. (West Point Partners)

Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker made a motion seconded by Councilman Steven Van Hoesen to approve the minutes of October 7, 2013, as read. Carried. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to approve the minutes of October 9, 2013 budget workshop meeting, as read. Carried. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Attorney Sonja Van Bortal read the following resolution scheduling a public hearing on proposed local law #2.

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. the following **RESOLUTION #2013-30** was made and adopted:

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 2 of 2013, providing for a local law to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2014, a copy of which is annexed hereto, is hereby introduced at this meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Athens as follows:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Athens shall hold a public hearing on the 7th day of November 2013, at 7 p.m. at the Athens Town Hall, 2 First Street, Athens, New York, to hear all interested parties on said proposed Local Law.
2. The proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II action for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act which will not require SEQRA review.
3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the official newspapers of the Town at least five (5) days prior to the date of the said public hearing.

Upon the question of the adoption of this Resolution, the following Board members voted “Aye” in favor of the Resolution: Supervisor Lee Palmateer; Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker; Councilman Steven Van Hoesen.

The following Board members voted “No” in opposition of the Resolution: Councilwoman April Paluch

The Proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Athens Town Board. Dated October 21, 2013.

Supervisor Palmateer informed the Board that he had spoken with a Jim Muscato of the Young Sommer Law Firm, regarding the West Point Partners. West Point Partners want to build a converter station a mile from the river. The Town would need to put \$2500 in fees towards retaining Mr. Muscato, to evaluate the project and set the Town up with Intervenor Status.

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. the following **RESOLUTION #2013-31 authorizing the Supervisor to engage the Firm of Young Sommer to evaluate the 13-T-0292 Project, of West Point Partners was adopted.** Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Butler; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-1(Paluch) Absent-0 Abstentions-0

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker the following **RESOLUTION #2013-32 authorizing the Supervisor to engage the Firm of Young Sommer for other Dockets- AC Power Transmission before the NYS Public Service Commission: North American Transmission-13-T-0454 NextEra -13-T-0455, 13-T-0456 NY Transmission Owners -13-T-0457 Boundless Energy NE, LLC - 13-T-0461 to evaluate the projects.** Carried. Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Butler; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noe-1(Paluch) Absent-0 Abstentions-0

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilman Steven Van Hoesen the following **RESOLUTION #2013-33 to adopt Intervenor Status for the West Point Partners Project 13-T-0292 was adopted** Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

On the motion on Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker the following **RESOLUTION #2013-34** to adopt Intervenor Status in the AC Power Transmission Project Application before the Public Service Commission (13-T-0454; 13-T-0455; 13-T-0456; 13-T-0457 and 13-T-0461), was adopted. Ayes-5(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker the following **RESOLUTION #2013-35 authorizing the Town be jointly represented by the Firm of Young Sommer with the Village of Athens, if they so choose, with shared fees was adopted.** Ayes-5(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to purchase a new server from ITS and pay for it at the first of the year, as per Councilman Butler and Joe Wolodkevich. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker and seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch. Carried; Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.