

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – July 1, 2013

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on July 1, 2013, at 7:00 pm. by Supervisor Lee Palmateer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following people were present: Supervisor Lee Palmateer; Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker; Councilman Steven Van Hoesen and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell was absent.)

These people were also present; Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Maryanne Stapleton; Assessor Laura Chase; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple; Madelyn Brandow; Mary H. Brandow; Pietrina Ragaini; Joseph Iraci and Melanie Lekocevic.

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

General Abstract #13, vouchers #315 through #334 inclusive for \$7,549.18.

Highway Abstract #12, vouchers #106 through #112 inclusive for \$7,976.11.

Attorney Virginia Benedict explained the Attorney's bill outside of the retainer agreement.

Assessor Laura Chase passed out handout regarding the equalization rate. Supervisor Palmateer had asked her to show the history of the Town since we have been doing revals.

Mrs. Chase informed the Board that she had spoken with the IDA, and the Town is in a Five (5) year Plan. The Town will receive the maximum in pilot payments.

Bookkeeper Maryanne Stapleton and sons JP and Cole reported to the Board that the Dumpster for the recycling of paper products (and cardboard) has been delivered. The Village gets the money.

Employee handbook changes: Special meeting to be advertized for July 10, 2013, at 6:00 pm.

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple reported that he has two cases pending in Town Court for July 11, 2013.

Attorney Benedict informed the Board that Jessica, the Attorney handling the cases, would come to the Board meeting to explain what went on, if they want her to.

Mr. Holsopple advised the Board that he issued a Stop Work Notice to the new owners of Carney's property on Rt. 9W.

NYS Public Service Commission instituted a proceeding- Case12T-0502, asking developers to submit potential projects for consideration along two corridors. One of which is the Leeds sub-station.

On July 30, 2013, Greene County Emergency Services will hold a meeting to review, Greene County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, with elected officials, particularly the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor.

Supervisor Palmateer submitted a draft letter of support to Central Hudson Distribution of Natural Gas in the Town of Athens. Discussion followed.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker *to send the letter of support as it is written*. Carried. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

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Ambulance Contract: Supervisor Palmateer and Councilwoman Dinkelacker met with Town of Catskill representatives and Brad Pinsky, and Catskill seemed receptive.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker to approve the minutes of June 17, 2013, as read. Carried. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Butler informed the Board that the Culvert Project bid is due tomorrow at 10:00 am at Greene County. It will take about 2½ to 3 months to complete.

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, carried. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 (Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey was asked to leave at this time.) Time: 7:55pm

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Carried. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Time: 8:35 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.