

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – March 18, 2013

A regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on March 18, 2013, at 7:00 pm, by Supervisor Lee Palmateer with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper Annie Stapleton; Lynn Brunner; Jim Molloy; Judi & Mike Ronile; Ron & Janet Russett; Elizabeth Czop; George Baker; Tom Cali; Drew Baldomar; Peter Wilkinson and Melanie Lekocevic.

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

General abstract #6, vouchers #116 through #151 inclusive for \$46,559.97.

Highway Abstract #5, vouchers #39 through #54 inclusive for \$10,732.76.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell reported on they had brush hogged around the shop; they had picked up trash on Leeds Athens, Flats Road, Flats Ext. Rd. River Rd., South Vosenkill Rd. and Thorpe Road. There were three snow events.

They hauled stone for 2013 oil and stone for a week. They did tree work on Schoharie Turnpike; Checked the roads for downed trees & drain pipes. Went to Albany for a day for New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways Advocacy Day.

At this time, Highway Superintendent Farrell presented the 2013 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys (also known as the road agreement) to the Board and reviewed it with them.

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch the following **RESOLUTION #2013-19** *to adopt the 2013 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys (Road Agreement) between the Highway Superintendent and the Town Board as presented.* :

Agreement between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Athens, Greene County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and the improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

GENERAL REPAIRS: The sum of \$147,050 be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 34 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts, and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS: The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of town highways.

On the road commencing at:

OIL & STONE

Vosenkill Road	#1a stone	2.6 miles x 21 feet	\$37,582
Sandy Plains Road	#1a stone	2.3 miles x 23 feet	\$34,030
Cone Place	#1a stone	.3 mile x 18 feet	\$3,195
Rudolph Weir Jr, Rd	#1a stone	.4 mile x 22 feet	<u>\$6,696</u>
TOTAL OIL AND STONE			\$81,503

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	Total from stone & oil	81,503
<u>MOTOR PAVE</u>		
Schoharie Turnpike: .75 mile x 20 feet wide x 3 inches thick #1 & #2 stone		\$50,100
Seal Motor Pavement 1A Stone		<u>10,588</u>
Total Projects for 2013		\$142,191
	NYS CHIPS MONEY	<u>-56,000</u>
Total cost to the Town		\$86,191

The remaining fund in DB 5110.4 will be used for diesel fuel, equipment repair, EZ pass, gas, tires, signs, drainage, uniforms, and general repair on the remaining town roads.

This resolution was passed. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen;) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell informed the Board that he is looking to purchase a used sweeper. A New would be too expensive as they run about \$175,000 brand new. The one the Town currently has is over 20 years old and was used when we got it. He has heard that there is a 2004 Tymco available, that has only been used on an airport runway. He asked the Board's permission to go and look at it.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Supervisor Lee Palmateer *authorizing Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell to go and look at the Tymco sweeper and report back to the Board.* Carried. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

It was announced that Cleanup day was tentatively scheduled for April 27, 2013.

Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to approve the Supervisor's Report as presented.* Carried. Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to approve the minutes of March 4, 2013, as read.* Carried. 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 #2013-20** to *destroy obsolete vouchers and abstracts from 1992 to 2008 in keeping with the Records Management Grant and the MUI Record Retention Schedule, that have been inventoried to date, was adopted.* Ayes-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 (These will be taken to the County's big shredder.)

On the motion of Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker the following **RESOLUTION #2013-21**, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, a proposed Stipulation Settling Assessment Preceding has been agreed to between the Attorneys for the Petitioners, In the Matter of Sandy Plains Holdings, Inc., Yaakov M. Willner and Chana G. Willner, his wife, and Pleasant Fields Inc., and the Attorneys for the Respondents, The Assessor of the Town of Athens, Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Athens and the Catskill Central School District, To Review Certain Real Property Assessments for the year 2012 Under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law; and

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WHEREAS, said attorneys have stipulated that the real property designated on the assessment roll for the Town of Athens for the year 2012, Tax Map No.120.00-4-19, be reduced from a claimed full value of \$2,071,429.00 to an agreed full value of \$1,507,500.00 and a current assessment of \$1,005,000.00; and

WHEREAS, said attorneys have stipulated that the real property designated on the assessment roll for the Town of Athens for the year 2012, Tax Map No. 120.19-1-17, be reduced from a claimed full value of \$294,921.00 to an agreed full value of \$201,525.00 and a current assessment of \$134,350.00; and

WHEREAS, said attorneys have stipulated that the real property designated on the assessment roll for the Town of Athens for the year of 2012, Tax Map No. 120.19-1-7, be reduced from a claimed full value of \$78,413.00 to an agreed full value of \$41,925.00, and a current assessment of \$27,950.00; and

WHEREAS, said attorneys have stipulated that the real property designated on the assessment roll for the Town of Athens for the year 2012, Tax Map No. 120.19-1-14, be reduced from a claimed full value of \$78,413.00 to an agreed full value of \$27,862.00 and a current assessment of \$18,575.00; and

WHEREAS, said attorneys have stipulated that the real property designated on the assessment roll for the Town of Athens for the year 2012, Tax Map No. 138.07- 2-3, be reduced From a claimed full value of \$221,587.00 to an agreed full value of \$162,375.00 and a current assessment of \$108,250.00; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has approved said stipulated full values and current assessments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Athens approves the reduced stipulated full values and current assessments and authorizes the Attorneys for the Town to execute the Stipulation.

Upon the Question of the adoption of this resolution, the following Board members voted Aye-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hosen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The Board was advised to move ahead with amending the Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor Palmateer opened the meeting to the public for any questions. Questions were asked regarding the ReVal. Supervisor Palmateer answered.

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker *to go into Executive Session to discuss Union Contract and Human Resources*. Carried: Aye-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hosen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Town Clerk Linda Stacey was asked to leave at this time.) (8:30pm)

Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to *adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting*. Carried. : Aye-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hosen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Time: 9:18pm

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Steven Van Hoesen *authorizing the Town Clerk to look into purchasing a new computer for the office, not to exceed the budget*. Carried: Aye-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hosen) 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 seconded by Councilman Steven Van Hoesen. Carried: Aye-5 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hosen) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Meeting adjourned : 9:20 pm.

