

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – April 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by at 7:00 pm with the Pledge to the Flag lead by Supervisor Lee Palmateer.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Annie Stapleton; Village Trustee Herman Reinhold and Melanie Lekocevic.

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

General Abstract #8, vouchers #168 through #190 inclusive for \$20, 120.04.

Highway Abstract #7, vouchers #60, through 471 inclusive for \$10,583.84.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell reported that he had gone to look the “new” sweeper, at J & J Equipment.

The one he looked at is a used Tymco 600 Air Sweeper mounted on a 2004 Freightliner FC 80. There were several minor services and repairs that the company was going to take care of before delivery if John chose to purchase it. Sell price is \$80,000.00.

His recommendation was to purchase it and put the old sweeper up for surplus. He said that it should last for 20 years.

On the motion of Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch the following **RESOLUTION #2013-22** *to purchase the Tymco 600 Air Sweeper mounted on a Freightliner FC 80 for \$80,000.00 was adopted.* Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Highway Superintendent Farrell suggested that the money could come out of the DA Unallocated Fund Balance leaving a cushion.

On the motion of Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to the following **RESOLUTION #2013 – 23** *advertise the surplus sweeper on Auction International along with a York Rake.* Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Mr. Farrell reported that the State CHIPS program had notified him that there would be an increase of 15,000.00 in CHIPS funding for the next two years.

Village Trustee Herman Reinhold came before the Board to tell them that Saturday June 8, 2013 is being called Athens Community Day. That is when they will present the Volunteer of the Year awards.

John McInerney reminded everybody about the volunteer of the year and to make your choice.

Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Annie Stapleton reviewed the Supervisor’s Report with the Board.

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilman Steven Van Hoesen *to accept the Supervisor’s Report as presented.* Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Supervisor Lee Palmateer *to accept the Town Clerk’s Report as presented.* Ayes-4(Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

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Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker made a motion seconded Councilwoman April Paluch to approve the minutes of April 1, 2013 as read. Ayes-4(Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Letter received from NYS Dept. of Equalization & Finance/Office of Real Property Tax Services informing the Assessor and the Town that they have established the following equalization rates for the 2013 assessment roll (All) are at 100%.

Bob Hilbert (Appraisal Consultants) submitted a recommendation to the Assessor and the Town Board for support following the 2013 reassessment project and the subsequent years until the 2017 scheduled update as submitted to the State in their plan.

Received info on training for Planning & Zoning Officials – May 22, 2013, to be held at Greene County Emergency Operations and Training Center (need to register by 5/17/13).

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Lee Palmateer and seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch. Ayes-4(Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0  
Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.