

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – August 19, 2013

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on August 19, 2013, by Supervisor Lee Palmateer with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, at 7:00 pm.

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

Also present were: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Grant writer Bill Roehr; Arlene Schmatz; Kyle Dingee; Janet & Gene Paluch; Angela Colavito; Carrie Paluch; Shannon Spinner; Tiffany Shook; Freddie Ross; Josh McConnell; Jesse Paluch; Lilly Becker; Ashlyn Krawczyk; Bridget Martin; Reporter Melanie Lekocevic; and several other signature that could not be read.

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

General Abstract #16, vouchers #388 through #411 inclusive for \$4,894.99.

Highway Abstract #15, vouchers #134 through #138 inclusive for \$1,462.75.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell reported that he has done everything listed in the Road Agreement, except for three pipes that need to be changed.

The Sandy Plains Culvert job has started and is going well. When it is all done they will pave it.

The Grad all patching roads and blacktop patching to be done next year.

They are mixing sand and salt. They helped the Towns of Coxsackie and Catskill 2 days each.

They have done grad all work in the Village.

Mr. Farrell stated that he would like to meet with the highway committee to address some minor repairs and issues.

Mr. Farrell spoke about Mr. Campbell's Cul-de-sac issue on Buttermilk Falls Road. He told the Board that he had spoken to him and that the issue will be fixed when they put in new culverts.

Councilman Butler spoke about the Greco /DiStefano water issue: he stated that the culvert is a Town Culvert. This needs to be looked into further.

Grant Writer Bill Roehr spoke on the Hazard Mitigation Program. He stated that there is 500 million to 1 billion dollars available. He reminded the Board that he had spoken about generators for the fire companies. He handed out flyers to the Board.

Town Resident Arlene Schmatz, who lives on Greene Lake Road, is concerned with amount of money that she may have to pay for participation in the Leeds Waste Water Project.

Supervisor Palmateer & Councilman Butler explained about the cost. These are for budgetary purposes only, as a proposed cost per house only, NOT to be passed on to the homeowner.

Before speaking Supervisor Palmateer advised Janet Paluch that there would be no arguing or debating.

Town resident Janet Paluch, of 2 Easy Street, Catskill, approached the Board with a complaint regarding her neighbors (10 Easy Street) Ernest & Mary Wilgus's 3 Golden Retrievers killed her Pug in its own yard, and that the Dog Warden was not doing her job, as these dangerous dogs were still at home. (Janet Paluch read from a prepared document which she read at length describing her incident.)

Resident Angela Colavito of 12 Easy Street, Catskill, described the constant fear that all of the neighbor share on Easy Street, because of these 5 (five) dogs. (The original 3 plus there were 2 others who were not involved in the above incident.) She also spoke about several other incidents that happened with these dogs. The Paluchs and Ms Colavito would like to see these dogs removed.

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Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker to *approve the minutes of August 5, 2013 as corrected*. Ayes-3(Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstained-1(Palmateer)

Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to *approve the Supervisor's Report, as presented*. Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0; Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0

Cyprian Films, New York LLC, has contacted the Village requesting permission to shoot scenes for a feature film motion picture in and around Athens, NY. The film will capture the beautiful architecture and picturesque landscape of the town and village areas.

Supervisor Palmateer appointed Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker as the contact person for the Film Company.

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker the following **RESOLUTION #2013-25: Resolution** of the Town of Athens Town Board Declaring Intent To Serve as Lead Agency and Referring the Proposed Local Law to the Athens Planning Board and Greene County Planning Board:

WHEREAS, a proposed form of Local Law No. 1 of 2013 entitled, "A Local Law to Amend the Town of Athens Zoning District Map" has been presented to the Town Board of the Town of Athens; and

WHEREAS, the proposal amends the Zoning District Map to rezone eleven parcels of land located between I-87 and Vosenkill Road south of Leeds-Athens Road, consisting of approximately 78.04 acres, from AG to RU; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the proposed local law will not require permits or approval from any other local, regional or state agency; and

WHEREAS, Part I of a Full Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") dated June 3, 2013 has been prepared on behalf of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action has been determined to be a type I action, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") 6 NYCRR§ 617.4(b) (2) and (3).

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

1. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute page 5 of the EAF.
2. The Town Board hereby classifies the proposed law as a Type I action and declares itself lead agency in the environmental review of the proposed law, as it is the only involved agency.
3. Pursuant to Section 180-75(A) of the Zoning Law, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward one copy of the proposed local law and EAF to the Town Planning Board for a report thereon.
4. Pursuant to Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law, the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward one copy of the proposed local law and EAF to the Greene County Planning Board for a report thereon.
5. A public hearing shall be held on September 16, 2013 at 7:00p.m. at the Town Hall, 2 First Street, Athens, NY, to hear all interested parties on the subject of said proposed local law; and
6. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the the official newspaper of said Town, on or before September 5, 2013, which is not less than ten days prior to the date of said public hearing, and to provide notice of the public hearing to the clerks of all adjacent cities, villages, towns and counties and to any other agency required to receive notice pursuant to Section 265 of the Town Law and Section 180-45 of the Zoning Law; and
7. Copies of the following documents shall be deposited in the office of the Town Clerk for public review prior to the public hearing: a) the proposed local law; and b) the Environmental Assessment Form.

The above resolution was adopted as follows: Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0; Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0

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Supervisor Lee Palmateer appointed **Mary H. Brandow as Bookkeeper/Budget Officer** to fill the vacant seat. (At the same rate of pay as before.) This term is until December 31, 2013.

Supervisor Palmateer then announced that the firms that he had received proposals from were as follow: Pattison, Kosky - \$23,000

Karp, Ackerman \$21,000

Sickler, Torchia \$15,600

Councilwoman Dinkelacker reported that Movie night was once again a success.

Councilman Butler is waiting on the County for a date, for the Fall Clean up Day.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.