

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – September 3, 2013

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Lee Palmateer on September 3, 2013, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. These people were present: Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker; Councilman Steven Van Hoesen and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. and Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell were absent.)

These people were also present: Attorneys Virginia Benedict and Jessica De Fiore; Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Mary H. Brandow; Assessor Laura Chase; Code Enforcement George Holsopple; Angela Colavito; Janet & Gene Paluch ; Carrie Paluch; Pam Allen; Tim O' Leary; Andrea Smallwood and reporter Melanie Lekocevic.

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

General Abstract #17, vouchers #412 through #433 inclusive for \$18,857.70.

Highway Abstract #16, vouchers #139, through #142 inclusive for \$2,287.81.

Assessor Laura Chase spoke about maintenance aide reimbursement from the state.

She also had a request for maintenance aide for the Supervisor to sign for do doing a Re-Val. Questions were asked and answered.

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple informed the Board that Young Explosives had submitted a Fireworks Permit (with new fee) for October 12, 2013. (This replaces the permit that they had purchased for August 31, 2012.) He just wanted to keep the Board up to date.

Mr. Holsopple stated that Mr. Saunders is in the Hospital but someone is supposed to cleanup. A Sleepy Hollow owner is living in a garage apartment, since 2009 without a building permit, and without a Certificate of Occupancy.

Attorney Virginia Benedict suggested doing an inspection for a Cert. of Occupancy and charge the appropriate fee. (\$40)

Mr. Holsopple informed the Board that the fire company was called out to 12 Dawn Drive for an odor of smoke. There was no fire but the firemen didn't like some of the things that they saw and called him in as Code Enforcement Officer. He stated that due to the nature of the many violations, he had the electric shut off on the main pole and the building condemned, and had the house posted.

Code Enforcement Officer Holsopple discussed with the Board, Mr. Fox's building on Buttermilk Falls Road.

Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Mary H. Brandow went over the August Supervisor's Report, with the Board members.

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

The Town Clerk's Report was reviewed by the Board.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Supervisor Lee Palmateer to approve the Town Clerk's Report as submitted. Motion carried. Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Discussion followed on Karp, Ackerman, Skabowski & Hogan proposal to correct the W2's for those contributing to the retirement system (for 3 years only), at a fee of \$1,275.00.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilman Steven Van Hoesen to accept the proposal from Karp, Ackerman, Skabowski & Hogan for \$1,275.00 to correct the W2's for those contributing to the retirement system that were incorrect, for the last three (3) years. Motion carried. Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Bookkeeper will contact Quick Books regarding the mistake so it doesn't happen again.

Supervisor Lee Palmateer authorized Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple to do a 30 minute e-mail survey from Buffalo University, seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker. Motion carried. Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilman Steven Van Hoesen to go into Executive Session to discuss the history of an employee and the prosecution of a criminal offense. Motion carried. Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0 (Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey was asked to leave at this time.) Time: 7:45pm.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Steven Van Hoesen to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Motion carried. Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0 Time: 8:58 pm.

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 to adjourn. Motion carried. Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Meeting Adjourned at Time: 9:03pm.