

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – June 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on June 2, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Joseph Iraci with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence.

The following people were present: Supervisor Joseph Iraci; Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilman Michael Ragaini; Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow was absent.)

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper Michael Strenka; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple; Stan Russell and Tony Iacopelli.

The following bills were audited and ordered paid:

General Abstract #11, vouchers #263 through #278 inclusive for \$19,530.96. Highway Abstract #11, vouchers ##102 through #118 inclusive for \$10,954.44.

The Assessor's Report was reviewed by Board members: Grievance Day May 27, 2014 saw 32 Grievances. The Board of Review continued completed deliberations on Wednesday May 28th. A majority of complaints heard were regarding tax bill, not assessments.

Date set for August BAR: August 5th, 3:00 p.m.

Date set for October BAR: October 7th, 3:00 p.m.

Final 2014 Tax Roll to be signed and filed July 1, 2014.

Town residents Tony Iacopelli and Stanley Russell, who live on Route 9W, came before the Board to make a complaint about the water drainage from Old Kings Road onto their property. Pictures were passed around the Board. Board discussion followed.

Town Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell suggested a plan. He made plans with both men to meet tomorrow morning at 6:00 a.m., and look it over.

Highway Superintendent Farrell reported that 101 loads of sand has been picked up this year with the sweeper, which is about 300 to 400 yards.

The new truck should be done this month. He made an inspection trip last Tuesday.

They have been black topping. They have been mowing.

Mr. Farrell spoke about a trying a "Fibermat" Treatment on Buttermilk Falls Road. He explained it is a micro-slurry driveway sealant and will cost \$30, 300 out of the CHIPS money.

Discussion followed on the rise in water height of Green Lake.

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple presented pictures of the Gypsy Point House to the Board and went over nine (9) code violations.

He then spoke about the Forshaw property on Route 385 which has property maintenance and fire code violations on it.

Bookkeeper / Budget Officer Michael Strenka presented the Board with copies of Annual Financial Statement for the Town of Athens for the Year ended 12/31/2013.

Someone asked about the fund balance of \$31,000.00. Discussion followed on fund balance and surplus moneys.

The Supervisor's Report was reviewed by the Board.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to approve the Supervisor's Report as presented* was carried. Ayes-4(Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

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On the motion of Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch the following **RESOLUTION #2014 -38 to adopt the Individual Account Compilation Report (Annual Financial Report) as presented was adopted.** Ayes-4(Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

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

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to approve the Town Clerk's report as presented. Ayes-4(Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Supervisor Joseph Iraci to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014, as corrected; Page five, Resolution #2014-33, under permits for commercial development in excess of \$1,000 cubic yards, SHOULD read; in excess of **1,000 cubic yards.** Ayes-3(Iraci; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-1(Butler)

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to approve the minutes of May 19, 2014. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Brandow) Abstentions-0

The Catskill Ambulance Contract has been signed for one year, and delivered.

Councilman Robert F. Butler announced that names he received for the members of the Advisory Board were: Patricia McLoughlin; Maureen Murphy and Bruce Drake.

It was announce that both the Zoning Board and the Planning Board are allowed 2 alternates each. An ad is to be run for alternates for both.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. to go into Executive Session for negotiations. Carried. Ayes-4(Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0 Time-8:30 p.m.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Carried. Ayes-4(Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0 Time-8:33 p.m.

West Point Partners have suggested an alternate route to Howard Hall Road and down Second. Iraci noted WPP did not have much enthusiasm for the route Street. Discussion followed.

Councilwoman April Paluch announced that the Volunteer of Year Awards will be held on Athens Community Day which is September 13, 2014 at the Park, in the Village.

200th Anniversary is coming up.

As there was no further to come before this meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini; Carried. Ayes-4(Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

