

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – June 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on June 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. led by Supervisor Joseph Iraci with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of Silence.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Michael Strenka; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple and Melanie Lekocevic.

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

General Abstract #12, vouchers #279 through #302 inclusive for \$59,293.55.

Highway Abstract #12, vouchers #119 for \$5,948.88.

Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Michael Strenka explained the Unreserved Fund Balance and the Reserved Fund Balance. The unreserved fund balance should be a portion of each budget. Each operating fund must be analyzed on its own budgets: A, B, DA and DB. This explanation was given to the Board in preparation for the upcoming budget process.

Bookkeeper Strenka informed the Board that there is an unspent rollover of CHIPS monies received from previous years. There is \$30,319.00, and he would like authorization to expend those funds for the Highway, before it is lost.

On the motion of Councilwoman April Paluch Seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini the following **RESOLUTION #2014-39** was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens has an unspent rollover of CHIPS monies from previous years, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Highway Superintendent to expend those funds during the 2014 Roads program, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Town Board to authorize such usage of those unspent funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Athens hereby authorizes increasing Highway Fund estimated revenue code DB 3501 State Aid CHIPS by \$30,319 and increasing Highway Fund Appropriations line item DB 5112.2 CHIPS Capital outlay by \$30,319.

Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Iraci informed the Board that people were in last week from Texas, regarding Hurricane Irene Funds and to verify what the Town spent its money appropriately.

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple informed the Board that the owners of Green Lake Homestead questioned him about needing more than one fireworks permit and fee as they want to have a series of six (6) and feel that \$100 a “display” is too much. Board discussion followed.

Gypsy Point House: Still trying to locate and serve Mr. Davis, so far no luck.

Councilman Butler reported that the trash on Thorpe Road has been moved. The owner lives in Tennessee.

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Solar Farm: Hal Brodie, Planning Board Chairman, has written to planning board members and the Supervisor. **Solar Farms in Agricultural Zoning:** Planning Board should be involved on an individual request basis because of technical considerations.

The minutes of June 2, 2014 were read for approval.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to approval the minutes of June 2, 2014, as read.* Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to appoint the following people the Athens Community Foundation Advisory Board for A three (3) year Term (6/16/14-12/31/17): **Patrica McLoughlin; Maureen Murphy and Bruce Drake.*** Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow *to appoint Edward Bloomer as an Alternate to the Zoning board of Appeals for a term of one year.* Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The National Bank of Coxsackie has expressed an interest in collecting the Towns' taxes. We will be meeting with them June 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Town office.

We received a request from CSEA regarding names and positions etc.

As there was no further business to come before this meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini. Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.