

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – July 7, 2014

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

The following people were present: Supervisor Joseph Iraci; 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; Assessor Laura Chase; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple and Carol Pfister.

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

General Abstract #13, vouchers #303 through #340 inclusive for \$23,273.58.

Highway Abstract #13, vouchers #120 through #134 inclusive for \$39,064.28.

Carol Pfister came before the Board for the Cultural Center on Second Street. She presented a poster with work that has been done on the building, and work that needs to be done. The Cultural Center has leased the building for ten (10) years. (At no charge.) The building has to be brought up to specs and it is very expensive. The Cultural Center is looking for funding and donations.

Assessor Laura Chase explained the Consolidation of Towns and Countywide Assessing. She said that is State mandated. She also informed the Board that “refund” checks are coming out from the State for school taxes.

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple informed the Board that Cippitelli’s at Green Lake Homestead has submitted a fireworks permit for July 26, 2014.

DEC- Code Enforcement Officer Holsopple said that he, the Supervisor and DEC are reviewing Flood Plain Maps and will have a Conference Call. The Town has requested updated maps.

Our Attorney is still searching for Mr. Davies, owner of the Gypsy Point House.

Noise: Discussion followed on the need to research a noise ordinance. Sample noise ordinances have been distributed and will be studied.

It was suggested that 2% be cut from all budget items to save for salaries. Discussion followed.

JCAP Grant: The Town Court has received a grant from the State for \$3,000.00 for remodeling the Courtroom walls. Discussion followed on the total cost, which will be \$6,000.00. It was suggested that maybe the Town Board and the Village Board could make up the difference by paying \$1,500.00 each.

A motion was made by Councilman Michael Ragaini seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to pay up to \$2,000.00 for the Court to remodel the courtroom walls. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Joseph Iraci explained to the Board where we stand on the Records Grant- for Imaging. The minutes books have come back all loose, so they have to be put back together the way they were BEFORE being scanned. The Town Clerk and Town Supervisor, do not trust EbizDocs (the company doing the scanning) to take anymore records, at the risk of being lost or possibly destroyed by the scanner.

A meeting is to be set to meet with the Regional Advisory Officer, for NYS Archives, Linda Bull, and our Grant Writers from TGW.

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

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

The Board reviewed the minutes June 16, 2014.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to approve the minutes of June 16, 2014, as read.* Ayes-4 (Iraci; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0

Replacement copier: The Town has requested quotes from Xerox; National Business Equipment, and from the company that ITS works with.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report as presented.* Ayes-4 (Iraci; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0

Board Members were reminded that Volunteer of the Year applications that are available if there was a name of an individual that they want to submit to the Committee. They need to be submitted by August 8, 2014. The Village and Town Board will review the nominations and pick five (5) volunteers who will be selected for recognition at **The Athens Community Day celebration** which will be on September 13, 2014; at the Riverfront Park.

Councilwoman April Paluch reported that she is still looking into the Farmland information: She explained that she wants to talk to the King family and to the Wagner family.

Cultural Center's request for funding: It was suggested to make the Grant Writers available.

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael *Ragaini to appoint Colleen D. Van Zandt as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.* Ayes-4 (Iraci; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Butler) Abstentions-0

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.