

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – July 21, 2014

A 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 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Ron Puhalski and Sam Sebren.

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

General Abstract #14, vouchers #341 through #367a inclusive for \$40,955.56.

Highway Abstract #14, vouchers #135 through #153 inclusive for \$31,864.36.

Supervisor Iraci reported that he had a conference call with Mayor Chris Pfister and the Lawyers, regarding West Point Partners to discuss the compressor station placement.

Mr. Iraci stated that the area that they are currently looking at is a first class Wetland.

WPP does not have a clear path as yet, or have their act together.

On the motion on Councilwoman April Paluch seconded Supervisor Joseph Iraci the following **RESOLUTION # 2014-40**, was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens has entered into a joint agreement with the Village of Athens with reference to the West Point Partners project and the AC Transmission project, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens has agreed to oversee the project expenditures for the AC Transmission project while the Village of Athens has agreed to oversee the project expenditures for the West Point Partners project, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Service Commission has awarded intervenor funds for the Town of Athens up to \$40, 400;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Athens hereby authorizes recognizing such event for budgetary purposes by increasing General Fund Estimated Code A 3989, Home and Community Service by \$40,000 and increasing General Fund Appropriations Code A 1420.4, Law Department transmission study by \$40,000.

The above resolution was adopted as follows: Ayes-3 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Brandow; Ragaini)

On the motion of Councilwoman April Paluch seconded Supervisor Joseph Iraci the following **RESOLUTION #2014-41** to make the following budgetary transfers was adopted:

<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>	
A9060.8 Health Insurance	A 1110.4 Justice Renovations	\$2000
A1010.4 Board Grant Writ	A 1010.4 Board Books	800
A1010.4 Board Grant Writ	A 1010.4 Board DOT exams	200
A1010.4 Board Grant Writ	A 1010.4 Board Fuel Oil	1000
A 1010.4 Board Grant Writ	A 1010.4 Board Postage	200
A 1355.4 Assessor ReVal	A1355.4 Assessor Books	400
A 5010.4 Highway Sup gar	A 5010.4 Highway Sup med	300

The above resolution was adopted as follows: Ayes-3 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Brandow; Ragaini)

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Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Supervisor Joseph Iraci to approve the *minutes of July 7, 2014 as read*. Ayes-3 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Brandow; Ragaini)

Supervisor Iraci spoke about EbizDocs- the company that the Grant writers hired to do the imaging of the minute books. They left the books in complete disorder. A meeting was held with Linda Bull from the State Archives, and TGW (Grant Writers), Supervisor; Town Clerk; and Deputy Town Clerk). We are still waiting for a conclusion on next steps and resolution of reports and financial matters.

We are still waiting for Mr. Davis to be served.

Noise Ordinance- Village of Athens has a nuisance ordinance: Supervisor Iraci wants to see how this works out.

Councilwoman Paluch informed the Board that she is still gathering information on the Right to Farm Community. Supervisor Iraci suggested identifying Town Roads, County Roads, and State Roads which might be marked.

Supervisor Iraci told the Board that we will begin having budget workshops every Thursday beginning July 31, at 7:00 p.m.

Budget discussion followed.

Testimonial Dinner for John and Marilyn Farrell for their Firematic accomplishments to be held on September 20, 2014, at Pegasus restaurant. (Joseph and Barbara Iraci will be attending.) Ayes-3 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Brandow; Ragaini)

Mr. Iraci asked If anyone else is interested in going.

Councilwoman April Paluch reported that Catskill Ambulance is going with paramedics as of January 1, 2015.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Supervisor Joseph Iraci. Ayes-3 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Brandow; Ragaini)