

REGULAR MEETING -- ATHENS TOWN BOARD – August 4, 2014

A regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Joseph Iraci with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence, on August 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

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

These people were also present: Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Michael Strenka; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple; Anna Hraska; Susan Swanteson; Michael Pirrone and Melanie Lekocevic.

The followings bills were audited by the Board and ordered paid.

General Abstract #15, vouchers #368 through #378 inclusive for \$1,566.46.

Highway Abstract #15, vouchers #154 through #161 inclusive for \$3,473.31.

Resident Susan Swanteson came before the Board to complain about a neighbor who has dirt bikes running all day long. She asked the Board why they did not enforce their noise ordinance. She got a copy off of the Town Environmental Code, and the ambient noise level should not be over 65 decibels. Discussion followed.

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple reported that Mr. Davis, owner of the Gypsy Point House, has been served, and the Court date is August 21, at 2:00 p.m.

The house on Rte. 385 that burned down 3 or 4 months ago needs a Demolition permit.

Debris from a second house on Rte. 385 has been removed.

Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Michael Strenka went over the Supervisor's Financial Report.

Mr. Strenka reminded Board members that the first budget workshop would be August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. There will be a budget workshop every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. until the budget is complete.

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

After reviewing the report of the Town Clerk, 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

Supervisor Iraci reported that the Assessor had received a call from a Lawyer from Athens Gen who wants to separate a piece of Athens Gen's land to build a (24,000) sq. feet shed but will NOT change the Pilot or Power Agreement.

Mr. Iraci and Assessor Chase contacted the IDA so they can use their Lawyers. It could be assessed separately and be on our tax rolls. It is land locked.

Board members reviewed the minutes of July 21, 2014.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014 as read. Ayes-4(Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

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Councilwoman April Paluch is looking into the number of signs that will be needed for placing, on the roads for the Right to Farm Law. Discussion followed.

Councilwoman Paluch will work with Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell. She thinks that they only need 7 (seven) signs. They still need to check with the State and the County.

Discussion was held on the topic of putting \$1,400 in the budget for shelter for the dog run that the Dog Control Officer has for use when she brings dogs home, before finding their owners.

Catskill Ambulance will not be in with Greene County Emergency Services in 2015. Catskill will have their own Paramedics. Discussion followed on ambulances and negotiations and Athens remaining with the Greene County Emergency Medical Services, and the Fly Cars.

Supervisor Iraci reminded the Board of the Testimonial Dinner to be held on September 20, 2014 for John P. Farrell, as outgoing Trustee of the Firemen's Home of the State of New York and for Marilyn Farrell as Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of the State of New. He asked members to consider attending this event as it is for one of our residents.

Councilman Michael Ragaini asked about the Town's Bi-Centennial plans.

Mr. Kelly suggested an original Logo for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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 and carried. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.