

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – August 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 18, 2014 by Supervisor Joseph Iraci with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

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 also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict and Jim and Linda Valenichis.

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

General Abstract #16, vouchers #379 through #395 inclusive for \$3,589.67.

Highway Abstract #16, vouchers #162 through #169 inclusive for \$216,875.58.

The minutes of August 4, 2014 were reviewed.

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

There will be a meeting with Athens Gen., Renee van Schaack of the IDA, including the Town Supervisor, Code Enforcement Officer and Assessor tomorrow at the Town office, at 11:00 a.m.

Athens Gen wants to separate a piece of their land, so it will have its own assessment and taxes. This should NOT affect the Pilot Agreement.

Supervisor Iraci gave a Budget update- workshops are going well.

Mr. and Mrs. Valenichis came before the Board to speak about being able to hook into the Catskill Sewer District. They live close to the Catskill Athens line, and there are several other Town of Athens families interested in hooking into the line as well. Mrs. Valenichis read a letter she had written to the Board requesting their help in obtaining this goal.

Discussion followed.

The Board directed Supervisor Iraci to stay in touch with the Valenichis family.

Bi-Centennial Logo was designed by Mr. Kelly.

Supervisor Iraci and Mayor Pfister met with the Town Court to discuss the Court Grant for the Courtroom.

Supervisor informed the Board of the Greene County YMCA sponsoring the “Greene Tri Y” in Sleepy Hollow. It will include a 350 yard swim in the Lake; followed by a 12 mile bike leg around the outside of the Lake, and this will be followed by a 5K run inside Sleepy Hollow Lake. They asked for support to use the roads in the Town of Athens from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

On the motion of Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Supervisor Joseph Iraci the following RESOLUTION #2014-42 *to send a letter of welcome and support to Greene County YMCA for the “Greene Tri Y” on September 6, 2014, at Sleepy Hollow Lake. This is for the 350yard swim in the Lake, followed by the 12 mile bike leg around the Lake, and the 5K run in Sleepy Hollow Lake.* Ayes-4(Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

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Notice of A 30-Day Period for Public Request for inclusion in Agricultural District #124, was received from the County. The 30-Day period will begin on September 1, 2014 and end on September 30, 2014.

Announcement that applications for the Athens Community Foundation Grant have been released and are due to be returned by October 27, 2014. There is \$189,271 to share among all grant recipients.

Councilwoman April Paluch informed the Board that there would be a meeting tomorrow of the Greene Emergency Services and Fly Car.

Discussion followed.

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; Butler; Paluch; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.