

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – September 15, 2014

The regular meeting was called to order on September 15, 2014, at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The following people were present: Supervisor Joseph B. 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; Pietrini Ragaini; Sam Sebren and Lynn Brunner.

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

General Abstract #18, vouchers#414 through #442, inclusive for \$40,238.06.

Highway Abstract #18, vouchers #179 through #196, inclusive for \$58,478.19.

Board members reviewed the Supervisor's Financial Report.

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report as presented. Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to approve and accept the Town Clerk's Report as presented. Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to approve the minutes of September 2, 2014, as corrected. Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

On the motion made by Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow the following **RESOLUTION #2014-45** to hire *Carol McBride as Temporary Assessor at the rate of pay she was receiving at her current job*. (She took a 6 month leave of absence from her current job to help.) Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Budget Process: Budget recommendations are almost ready to be given to the Town Clerk. This Thursday, September 25, 2014, will probably be the last work session.

West Point Partners: Objections to them going down the river.

Compression Station: Concerns about wet lands.

They are nowhere near approval from the State or Federal.

Discussion followed on West Point Partners and the Company coming from Champlain to Cementen by way of under the railroad tracks.

Bicentennial Committee: Lynn Brunner will be the Coordinator / director.

The Cultural Center, Library and others will be sent letters inviting them to have a liaison attend the meetings, once they are set up.

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It was suggested that we apply to the Community Foundation for a Grant for the Bicentennial Activities for 2015.

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. informed the Board that he is still waiting to hear from Greene County Solid Waste for a date for our Fall Clean Up Day.

Board Members were reminded that we still need a Planning Board Alternate.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow and seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini.
Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.