

REGULAR MEETING—ATHENS TOWN BOARD – October 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order at 7.00 pm on October 6, 2014, 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 who arrived at 7:35 pm; Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey.

The following people were present also: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Michael Strenka; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple; Carol Pfister; Michael Pirrone and Melanie Lekocevic.

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

General Abstract #19, vouchers #443 through #480 inclusive for \$14,883.12

Highway Abstract #19, vouchers #197 through #217 inclusive for \$12,724.69.

Bookkeeper Budget Officer Michael Strenka reviewed the Supervisor's monthly Financial Report with the Board. Discussion followed.

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

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple reported that he had looked at several properties that could be in violation of the Property Maintenance Code.

Councilwoman Paluch asked what the status of Hudson River Bulk was, as their 6 months expire on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell reported that the road work scheduled for this year has been completed.

They are taking care of the trees along the road.

156 tons of salt was brought in preparation of this winter.

He state that there is about \$20,000 left in the Road Budget and they will begin hauling a little stone for next year.

Assessor Clerk, Carol Mc Bride handed in the Assessor's Report: Office hours are still Monday through Friday 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. except for Legal Holidays.

She reported that 212 enhanced star renewals have been mailed to participants. The income limit this year is set at \$83,300. One Small Claims has been settled and six Article 7 cases are pending Court Action.

The V4 Upgrade has been completed.

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

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow *to accept the Town Clerk's Report as presented.* Carried: Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The minutes of September 15, 2014 were reviewed by the Board.

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch *to approve the minutes of September 15, 2014, as read.* Carried: Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

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Letter of resignation was received from Patrica McLoughlin, for her position of the Athens Community Foundation Advisory Board. This will be addressed at a later date.

The proposed Budget for 2015 was presented to the Board with no increase in the taxes to be raised.

Board felt that we should pass a resolution for a tax levy override in case of an emergency.

The Board Members reviewed the proposed resolution scheduling a public hearing on a local law to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2015.

On the motion made by Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. the following **RESOLUTION #2014-46** to schedule a public hearing on a local law to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2015 was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Local Law no. 4 of 2014, providing for a local law to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2015, is a copy of which is annexed hereto, is hereby introduced at this meeting;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE** Town Board of the Town of Athens as follows:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Athens shall hold a public hearing on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Athens Town Hall, 2 First Street, Athens, New York, to hear all interested parties on said proposed Local Law.
2. The proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II action for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act which will not require SEQRA review.
3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the Official Newspapers of the Town of Athens at least five days prior to the date of said public hearing.

Upon the question of the adoption of this Resolution. The following Board members voted Aye in favor of the Resolution: Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci; Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; and Councilman Michael Ragaini.

The following Board members voted No in opposition of the Resolution: None

The proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Athens Town Board. Dated: October 6, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. informed the Board that the Joint Cleanup Day will be held on October 25, 2014.

Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci stated that the first meeting of the **Bicentennial Committee, for 2015**, will be held on October 15, 2014 at 7.00 p.m., at the Town Office.

Town Court requested a resolution form the Board to apply for another Grant.

On the motion made by Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow the following **RESOLUTION #2014-47** authorizing Town Court to apply for a new copier for the Courtroom; new carpeting for the court office; and a Scanner Upgrade in a JCAP Grant was adopted; Those in favor- Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes- 0 Absent – 0 Abstentions-0

We received the figures for the Joint Landfill Venture, interest paid from June to August 2014.

The following Greene County Resolutions were received by the Board:

#264-14 –Resolution authorizing the delay for Greene County to assume responsibility for payment of reimbursements to Community Colleges.

#269-14 -- Awarding the bid for abrasives used in snow and ice control

#275-14 - Approving Reimbursement to Community Colleges- Summer Semester 2014

#277-14 – Amounts due County Treasurer by Respective Towns

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West Point Partners was discussed. Supervisor Iraci stated that the Lawyers, with himself and Mayor Pfister, still want the route go under the existing towers to the river. The Alternate Route should resemble the route used by National Grid.

Councilman Michael Ragaini stated that he would like to set up a committee for a new building. Councilmen Michael Ragaini and Robert F. Butler, Jr. were appointed by Supervisor Iraci to set up this committee. They will begin exploring for a new building.

Councilwoman April Paluch informed the Board that the Planning Board needs 1 alternate.

Clerk to put ad in newspaper for alternate to the Planning Board.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to go into Executive Session for negotiations*, Carried: Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions- 0 Time: 8:05 pm

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting*. Carried: Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions- 0 Times: 9:05 pm.

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to *appoint Conkra Appraisals to appraise Campbell properties*. Carried: Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions- 0

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Councilwoman Mary H, Brandow. Carried: Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions- 0 Time: 9:07 pm.