

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – January 20, 2015

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on January 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Deputy Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict and Bookkeeper Michael Strenka.

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

General Abstract #2, vouchers #22 through #46 inclusive for \$46,941.74.

Highway Abstract #2, vouchers #10 through #17 inclusive for \$6,892.23.

The minutes of January 5, 2015 were reviewed by the Board.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to correct the following: On the meeting date list, the first meeting in July has to be changed from the 2nd, to July 6th, which is the first Monday of the month; also the Code Enforcement Officer submitted his report not the Highway Report. Ayes-4 (Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Iraci) Abstentions-0

Senior Citizen Exemption and the Disabled Tax Exemption were discussed.

On the motion of Deputy Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch the following **RESOLUTION #2015-14** was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Code of the Town of Athens Chapter 159, Article II expressly authorizes the Town Board to change the maximum income limits for Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Athens changes the maximum income limits for Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemptions to be set at \$24,500.00 with full sliding scale for the 2015 assessment.

Introduced by Deputy Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr.

Seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch

Upon the question of the adoption of this Resolution, the following Board members voted “Aye” in favor of the Resolution:

Deputy Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr.

Councilwoman April Paluch

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow

Councilman Michael Ragaini

The following Board member voted “No” in opposition of the Resolution: None

Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci- Absent

The proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Athens Town Board.

Attorney Benedict suggested putting the Grievance Procedures on the Website.

She is still working on attendance requirements for appointed Zoning Board and Planning Board members.

Acting Assessor Carol McBride handed out more information on “out of Pocket” Exemption.

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Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Deputy Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to accept Paul Wais's resignation from the ZBA*, with regret. Ayes-4 (Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini)_Noes-0 Absent-1 (Iraci) Abstentions-0

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Deputy Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to appoint Edward Bloomer to fill Paul Wais's unexpired term 12/31/2018, on the on the ZBA*. Ayes-4 (Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini)_Noes-0 Absent-1 (Iraci) Abstentions-0

Deputy Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. to set the date of February 17th at 6:45 pm; 7:00 pm and 7:15 pm to interview the following people for a position on the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals: Rosemarie Blois; Fredrick Dedrick; and Ronald Greco.

Discussion followed on hiring an Engineer for ideas on a building.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Deputy Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to look into hiring an Engineer for a "new" building*" Ayes-4 (Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini)_Noes-0 Absent-1 (Iraci) Abstentions-0

Councilwoman April Paluch spoke about Greene County EMS

Town Clerk handed out copies of the Greene EMS Letter and Agreement for Advanced Life Support. It is for Paramedic services from 1/1/2015 through 12/31/2015.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman April Paluch and seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow. Ayes-4 (Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini)_Noes-0 Absent-1 (Iraci) Abstentions-0
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.