

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD MARCH 2, 2015

A regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on March 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci with the Allegiance to the Flag 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; and Town Clerk Deputy Cathy Lyden.

The following people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Michael Strenka and Michael N. Pirrone.

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

General Abstract #5, vouchers #94 through #114 inclusive for \$17,119.85

Highway Abstract #5, vouchers #34 through #55 inclusive for \$26,653.38

The Public Notice was read regarding the Training for the ZBA and the Planning Board members. A member of the public had a question on who would keep track of the training of the ZBA and Planning Board members. The Town Clerk keeps a copy, the Supervisor would like to also ask the Chairperson to track this information as well. A discussion followed. A motion to close the meeting was made by Councilman Robert Butler and Seconded by Supervisor Joseph Iraci. Carried 4 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Paluch & Brandow).

Regular meeting started at 7:10:

Supervisor Iraci explained to the board about the firm TGW coming to one of the Board meetings to discuss their plans for the future.

Bookkeeper Michael Strenka came before the board to give his oral report about the AUD report he has been doing. He has 98% done and then it will be electronically submitted. He will be in contact with the new accountants in April. Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow had a few questions about how bills are getting paid and voucher that need to be done. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Iraci discussed with the board about a future meeting with the new accounting firm. The Business official, Supervisor and Finance Board Liaison will meet with them to implement Procedures for recommendations regarding auditing and restricted reserve matters.

Supervisor Iraci discussed with the Board how Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple discovered that you can serve homeowners by mail and it's legal.

Councilwoman Mary Brandow made a motion to accept the LL#1-2015 Training and attendance of ZBA and Planning Board Members Seconded by Councilman Robert Butler, Carried. 4 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch)

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion to accept the audit of the Town Clerks books with the change of making it say 2014 instead of 2015, seconded by Councilman Robert Butler, Carried. 4 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch)

Councilwoman Mary Brandow made a motion to accept the February 2015 Town Clerks Report, seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch, Carried. 4 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch).

Supervisor Iraci explained to the board how he sent out a questionnaire to surrounding towns about salary schedule. He is waiting for responses to come back.

Supervisor Iraci discussed with the board about Carol McBride our interim acting assessor.

Supervisor Iraci wanted to thank the company Karp , Ackerman, Skabowski Hogan, P.C. and especially Stephanie First for all the good work they had provided for the Town of Athens as our accountants.

A discussion followed about the Town/Village offices and the future of the Town offices. A discussion followed about acquiring the Legion Hall for the office/s.

Supervisor Iraci discussed the Alternating Current Projects. A discussion followed.

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Supervisor Iraci brought attention to the board that both the Basic Life Service and Advanced Life Support Services has been operating and performing well. The BLS (Catskill Ambulance Contract is for the coming year.

A motion to accept February 17, 2015 minutes as corrected was made by Councilwoman April Paluch, Seconded by Councilwoman Mary Brandow, Carried. 4 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch).

Supervisor Iraci suggested to the board that the new 200th Anniversary seal be put on the website as well as our Town letterhead to celebrate the 200 year celebration.

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Councilman Robert Butler and Seconded by Councilman April Paluch, carried. 4 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch).

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Councilman Robert Butler and Seconded by Councilman April Paluch, Carried. 4 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Brandow, Paluch).

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Butler Jr. and seconded by Councilwoman April Paulch to adjourn meeting. Carried 4Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Paluch & Brandow).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45p.m.