

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – April 20, 2015

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on April 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and a moment of silence.

These people were present: Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci; Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; Highway superintendent John J. Farrell and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey.

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Michael Strenka and Lynn Brunner.

The following bills were audited by the Board and ordered paid:  
General Abstract #8, vouchers #195 through #213, inclusive for \$11,112.70.  
Highway Abstract #7, vouchers #69 through #88 inclusive for \$9,881.10.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell handed out copies of the Agreement for the Expenditure Of Highway Moneys, between the Highway Superintendent and the Town Board.

Mr. Farrell went over the agreement with the Board, outlining his projects for the year. Discussion of CHIPS money and money from the Grant.

Discussion followed on the box culvert design and approximate install date of mid to late August, before Labor Day. Oil and Stone is scheduled to be done in July.

On the motion of Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. the following **RESOLUTION #2015-19** to adopt the 2015 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys as presented by the Highway Superintendent was adopted as follows:

Carried: Ayes-4(Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragani) Abstentions-0

AGREEMENT between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Athens, Greene County, New York and the undersigned members of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS: The sum of \$233,990.00 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 34 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

**Road Work 2015 (page 1)**

**Micro Surfacing with fiber.** Road: South Vosenkill L=1465' W=20' Total \$16,000.00

**Oil and Stone**

Road Name	Length	Width	SY	Gal. Oil	Price	Total Oil	Stone Type	Tons
Center Road	1225'	20'	2722	1088.9	\$2.55	\$2,775.58	1A's	41
Cross Road	2025'	20'	4500	1800.0	\$2.55	\$4,588.20	1A's	68
Church St./Leeds Athens	1925'	20'	4278	1711.1	\$2.55	\$4,361.62	1A's	65
Dawn Drive	1780'	20'	3956	1582.2	\$2.55	\$4,033.08	1A's	60
Forest Hills Ave.	1150'	20'	2556	1022.2	\$2.55	\$2,605.64	1A's	39
McGovern Lane	350'	20'	778	311.1	\$2.55	\$793.02	1A's	12
Potic Mt.	10560'	20'	25814	10326.0	\$2.55	\$26,331.30	1A's	400
						Washed 1A Stone	\$12.00	685

Rubber tire roller w/o/operator \$5,000.00

Washed 1A Stone Cost 8,220.00

Total Projects for 2015 \$75,208.44

The remaining fund in DB 5110.4 will be used for diesel fuel, equipment repair, EZ pass, gas, tires, signs, drainage, uniforms and general repair on the remaining town roads.

**Road Work 2015 Continued-(page 2)**

**Schoharie Turnpike box culvert at the reservoir. (CHIPS Project)**

Box culvert	\$529.71 per sq. ft.	31feet	\$16,421.00
Headwall	\$1,591.00 each	2	\$3,182.00
Wing wall	\$838.00 each	4	\$3,352.00
Set crew	\$2,200.00 a day	4 days	\$8,800.00
Excavator rental	2,200.00 a week		\$2,200.00
Blacktop	20 tons		\$1,500.00
Backfill	100 tons		\$815.00
Personnel	2 weeks		\$7,700.00
		Total	\$43,970.00
		2015 CHIPS funding	\$84,000.00

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The minutes of April 6, 2015 were reviewed by the Board.

Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. to approve the minutes of April 6, 2015 as read and corrected. (Resolution #2015-18, information did not follow as stated.) Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to re-appoint George Heller to the Assessment Board of Review for a five year term retroactive from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2019. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Discussion followed regarding the potential for increasing the number of members sitting on the Board of Assessment and Review (BAR), from 3 to 5, for 2016.

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Attorney's Retainer Agreement for \$21,500.00 representing a 1.5 % increase. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Councilman Ragaini arrived at this time: 7:50 p.m.

Supervisor Iraci explained that the Town was eligible to request Grant Funds of \$20,000.00 from the Department of Public Service. He needs authorization to sign the application.

Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. authorizing the Supervisor to sign the application requesting Grant funds of \$20,000.00 from the Department of Public Service. Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Iraci advised the Board that we have received the Ambulance Contract from Catskill showing that it remained the same at \$225 per call. Authorization is needed for the Supervisor to sign the contract.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Ambulance Contract with Catskill, at \$225 per call. Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

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Board received a letter of invitation to Eagle Scout Christopher Welch's court of Honor to be held on May 9, 2015, at the Village Fire House.

On the motion of Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci the following RESOLUTION #2015-20 to send a letter of Congratulations to Eagle Scout Christopher Welch, and those, who can, attend the Court of Honor, was adopted. Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Discussion followed on Property Leases. These are registered with the County. King Family has leased land to a Commercial Solar Company. It was suggested that the Town reach out to the County for more information.

Supervisor Iraci informed the Board that he had met with Rene Van Schaack of the Greene IDA. This was at Mr. Van Schaack's request. He informed Supervisor Iraci that North East Treaters & the IDA are discussing a PILOT agreement. Supervisor Iraci explained that the IDA maybe able control everything. The Town may not have a say on how the money would be distributed.

October 21, 2014: Update the Town on what is going on with the Athens Gen warehouse.

Cleanup Day was successful.

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.

Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.