

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – May 4, 2015

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on May 4, 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; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; Councilman Michael Ragaini and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. and Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell were absent.)

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper Michael Strenka; Interim Assessor Carol McBride; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple; Carol Pfister and Michael Pirrone.

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

General Abstract #9, vouchers #214 through #243 inclusive for \$30,374.00.

Highway Abstract #8, vouchers #89 through #93 inclusive for \$1,160.87.

Interim Assessor Carol McBride reported that there are still 3 Article 7 cases pending action.

The 2015 field review has been completed.

The 2015 tentative roll has been completed. The notice has been published and she will be sitting with the roll May 4, from 9:00-1:00; May 18, 12:00-2:00 and in the evening 5:00-7:00; May 19, 9:00-1:00; and May 16, 9:00-1:00 pm. 122 changes have been made to assessments and mailed to parcel owners, 70 are in the Town and 52 are in the Village. Changes may still be made to the tentative roll through grievances and petitions for corrections.

Grievance Day is May 26, 2015 from 3-5 pm and 6-8 pm. Final Roll is due July 1st. The Assessor's Office is requesting an increase of members for the Grievance Board for next year.

They are also looking for locks for her file cabinets. Mrs. McBride was asked to research the locks and put it into next year's budget.

Discussion followed on different types of properties and the number of properties in the Town.

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple reported that he sent out a Violation Notices on Property Maintenance Code violations.

Mr. SanPal will remove the garage he built on the corner of Howard Hall Road and Schoharie Turnpike, as it is in the County's set-back. It wasn't put back far enough away from the road.

He will clear a spot for it further away from the road, later in the spring.

Mr. Holsopple also reported a violation of the Junk Yard Ordinance, on Route 9W next to Athens Gen.

Discussion followed on regular spring property clean up.

Bookkeeper Michael Strenka spoke about a new column added to the Supervisor's Financial Report, called "Modified Budget".

Supervisor Iraci stated that parts are no longer available for the grader. We will have to try the junkyards.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to approve the Supervisor's Financial Report as presented was carried. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Resident Carol Pfister came before the Board to request funding for the upcoming Annual Village Street Festival. She read her list of what was planned for that day, to the Board, and told them how expensive some of the individual items are.

She then requested funding in the amount of \$500.00 for the Cultural Center.

A discussion on the Street Festival followed.

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

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to approve the Town Clerk's Report as presented. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to approve the minutes of April 20, 2015 as read. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Joseph Iraci asked Councilwoman Paluch about the Fly Car services without Catskill, and asked about the Fly car committee. Councilwoman Paluch stated that she would ask Aiden. Mr. Iraci stated that he would talk to Catskill Re: BLS Ambulance only. Councilwoman Paluch stated that Catskill is not yet equipped for ALS.

Supervisor Iraci informed the Board that he located local law 1994 where the Retirement is laid out for Town personnel. He stated that this needs to be updated. He will have recommendations by the next meeting. The old law needs to be 'cleaned' up.

Supervisor Iraci informed the Board that he is trying to learn the legal aspect of Pilots and the IDA: What are the rules, and Local Laws.

Supervisor Iraci handed out the 2016 budget time line.

Greene County announced their Hazardous Waste Day as June 6, 2015.

Attorney Virginia Benedict informed the Board that the Foreclosure Sale has been announced for Budget Motel, and she will be attending.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to go into Executive Session to discuss a Law Enforcement matter and Negotiations. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0 Time 8:25PM

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting was carried. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0 time: 9:10 PM

The Board discussed the need to set up a committee to review Zoning.

Councilwoman Paluch asked about getting a "Right to Farm Signs" installed.

Supervisor Iraci informed the Board that 2 people need to be reported for retirement credit as well as Assessor Office hours.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Paluch; Brandow; Ragaini) Noes-0 Absent-1(Butler) Abstentions-0 Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM