

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – August 3, 2015

Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci called the regular meeting of the Athens Town Board to order on August 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of Silence.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Assessor Carol McBride; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple; Roger Albright; Phyllis Dinkelacker and Greg Christy of North East Treaters.

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

General Abstract #15, vouchers 362 through #375 inclusive for \$23,705.28.

Highway Abstract #14, vouchers 135 through #153 inclusive for \$73,622.63.

Assessor Carol McBride reported that 2 parcels have been filed for 2015 for Article 7.

Two parcels have been filed at the office for small claims.

She reported that sales for 2016 which occurred through June 30, 2015 are being entered now for PDC market survey. Bob Hilbert will be analyzing data for next year's RAR full value measurement process required by the State. Deadline Date for Sales data entry is August 28, 2015.

Data files and totals will be sent to Nexxlinx for School Tax Levies on or by August 10, in preparation of school tax bills for September.

Assessor McBride takes her "Fundamentals of Assessment Administration" Exam on August 5th, in Latham, so the Assessor's Office will be closed that day. The Course she was going to take in Ithaca had to be cancelled until the Fall, when it will be offered again. (They will keep the course fee that we have paid until then.)

The Assessor's Office will be closed the week of August 17th.

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple reported that he received an e-mail response to the Attorney's letter to the owner of the Gypsy Point House. Kelly Perez, head of the Management Company requested copies of past violations.

North East Treaters will be issued a building permit.

Owen Lipstein's open building permit was discussed.

Councilman Ragaini stated that the former Budget Inn has a "New" owner.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell informed the Board that they have completed all the Chip Sealing for 2015.

He also advised the Board that the DEC Permit has been received and they have ordered the culvert. September 8, they will begin excavation.

He signed a 110 ton Salt agreement for 2015.

They have been doing mower maintenance.

Highway Superintendent Farrell stated that he received his State Road Inventory and there are some discrepancies.

Phyllis Dinkelacker gave a report on Greene County Emergency Service which is the "advanced life support" and fly car service. She also spoke about Catskill's Basic Life Support and beginning August 18th they will begin with their own advanced life support.

Supervisor Iraci stated that the Town is with Catskill for 2016 Ambulance Service.

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Attorney Virginia Benedict explained that it would take North East Treaters sixty (60) days to get through the Engineering process. Actually it will take about 190 days to complete the application for a zoning change, because the County doesn't meet regularly in the summer, Greg Christy, Manager of North East Treaters, thanked her for the information.

Village Superintendent of Public Works, Dennis Proper is retiring the end of August. Mayor Pfister and Supervisor Iraci spoke about maybe setting up a committee with Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell, Anthony Proper, themselves and a Board member from each Board. This committee would meet and come up with ideas of how the two departments might work together.

Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci made a motion to appoint Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. to this committee to represent the Town. There was no second.

Noise: A copy of Coxsackie's zoning Law to regulate Commercial Event Venues was handed out to Board members for review, and information.

Budget steps and due dates were handed out.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to set up a committee of Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell, Supervisor Iraci and one member to be picked by the Supervisor to meet with the Village committee to discuss areas of cooperation.* Carried. Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow *to approve the minutes of July 20, 2015, as read.* Carried. Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci *to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations.* Ayes-5(Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting.* Carried; Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

On the motion of Councilman Anthony Paluch seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini the following **RESOLUTION # 2015-24** *to appoint George Griener to a four year term on the Board of Assessment and Review 8/3/2015 to 9/30/2020 and Andrew Gauzza to a five year term to the Board from 8/3/2015 to 9/30/2021 was adopted.* Ayes-5 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler *to appoint Pietrina Ragaini as Clerk to the Assessor as a Grade 4 Step 0* (schedule needs to be updated). Motion carried. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-1 Ragaini

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.