

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – February 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The following people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Michael Strenka; Temporary Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini; Gene Hatton; Barbara Trembacz; Fran McCusker; Michael Campbell; Theresa Cardinale; Eddie Schaub; Lorie Worden; Megan Worden; and George Greiner.

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

General Abstract #3, vouchers #41 through #76 inclusive for \$372,610.05.

Highway Abstract #3, vouchers #17 through #27 inclusive for \$20,494.18.

Gene Hatton Trustee of the Athens Community Benefits Foundation came before the Board with the annual report. Mr. Hatton announced the net distribution of 40 grants totaling \$212,537 to 31 separate Athens based qualifying civic, sports, cultural, fraternal, educational and governmental groups. Including this cycle, the fourteenth annual round of grants by the Foundation, the number of grants over the life of the Foundation now totals 410, along with a total dollar figure disbursement of \$2,337,971.

Supervisor Butler then had Mr. Albert Gasparini come before the Board. He introduced **Mr. Gasparini as the Temporary Code Enforcement Officer** whom he appointed on January 25, 2017, to cover for George Holsopple who will be out on medical leave.

Mr. Gasparini will be working 3 days a week, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Assessor Carol McBride submitted a written report:

The office has been filing exemption renewals, and reminding people of the deadline to get the exemptions in.

Annual field review is still being done.

Finalizing the update: Public Notice & Valuation Notice to be sent by March 1st.

Preliminary revaluation of assessment hearings will be held on March 20th through March 23rd at the firehouse.

Grievance Day will be held the fourth Tuesday in May- May 23, 2017. 1-5 & 6-8.

Attorney Benedict reminded the Board that the Court Conference was coming up for Sleepy Hollow.

Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Michael Strenka informed the Board that there were 2 resolutions that needed to be adopted.

On the motion of Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow the following **RESOLUTION #2017-14 was adopted:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens Highway Superintendent submitted a grant request to the Athens Foundation for new radios for the Highway Department Trucks, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens received a check for \$18,000.00 during December 2016 to purchase the radios, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Town Board of the Town of Athens to recognize The revenue received and the budget line item to allow purchase of the radios;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Athens hereby authorizes increasing Highway Fund Appropriated Fund Balance DA-599 by \$18,000.00 and increasing Highway Fund Machinery Equipment line item DA 5130.2 by \$18,000.00 to purchase radios. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

On the motion of Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini the following **RESOLUTION #2017-15 was adopted:**

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens has received a letter from New York State awarding a Grant of \$1,270 from the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP), and

WHEREAS, this transaction has not yet been recognized in 2017 Town of Athens Budget, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Town Board to recognize the awarding of the grant as revenues and impending expenditures to be budgeted for in the 2017 budget;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Athens hereby authorizes increasing General Fund Estimated Revenue Code A3021 Court Facilities by \$1,270 and increasing General Fund Appropriations Line Item A 1110.2 Town Justice Equipment by \$1,270. (For 2 filing cabinets & 1 wardrobe storage cabinet).

Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-1(Surrano) Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Bookkeeper Strenka informed the Board that he is currently working on closing out the books for 2016, so he has not gotten to the Supervisor’s January Financial Report. He should have the Annual 2016 report electronically submitted by the 20th of February and then can get to the reports.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell handed out his proposed road agreement for 2017 to Board member for review.

Mr. Farrell informed the Board that Central Hudson is going to update the Town’s Electric Service at no charge to the Town.

Truck #4 needed repairs.

Excavator: John wants to come back in two weeks with final information on State funding.

On the motion of Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini the following **RESOLUTION #2017-16 to approve and adopt the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys was adopted:**

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 \$224,800 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 5 feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS: Oil & Stone Project-2017:

Oil & Stone

Road Name	Length	Width	SY	oil cost	1A’s stone-tons
Bambi lane	520	20	1156	\$823.68	20
Sager Lane	200	20	444	316.80	10
Cold Spring Rd.	1800	20	4000	2,851.20	60
Fox lane	470	20	1044	744.48	20
Park Lane	1080	18	2160	1,539.65	40
Potic Mt. Rd	12075	22	29517	21,039.48	450
River Road	1925	18	3850	2,744.28	60
Dallas RD	200	18	400	285.12	20

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Oil Cost	\$30,344.69
Rubber tire roller w/o operator	3,600.00
Washed 1 A stone Cost	8,160.00
Oil & Stone Project for 2017	\$42,104.69

Old Kings Road & Around the Shop Restructure sub base 6” minus	2017 Budget	\$30,000.00
Repaving of Old Kings Rd. Blacktop	NYS CHIPS	\$80,000.00
Repaving Around Shop	2017 Budget	\$20,000.00
	Total Road Work	\$92,104.69
	Total CHIPS + Road	\$172,104.69

The remaining fund in DB 5110.4 will be used for diesel fuel, equipment repair, EZ Pass, Gas, Tires, Signs, Drainage, Uniforms, and General repairs on the remaining Town Roads.
Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow *to accept the Town Clerk’s Report as presented.* Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Board discussed the Capital Bicycle Racing Club holding their “Trooper Brinkerhoff” Memorial Race here for the 14th year. This year it will be held on 2 consecutive Saturdays, April 8th and April 15th.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. announced that he looking at April 22nd for the Spring Cleanup Day.

The Employee Handbook still needs a few minor touch ups.

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to set the public hearing notice for the Short Term Rental Law* for February 20, 2017 at 7:00 p. m. Ayes-4(Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Surrano) Noes-1(Paluch) Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow *to set the public hearing notice for a local law revising Chapter 180 of the Code of the Town of Athens to Regulate Solar Energy for March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.* Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor announced his Special Committees Appointments for 2017;
They are as follow:

Joint Landfill Committee-	Richard M. Surrano, Jr.
Village/Town & Highway Committee	Richard M. Surrano, Jr. & Robert F. Butler, Jr.
Special Projects;	Mary H. Brandow & Michael Ragaini
Clean Up Days (1/Spring- 1/Fall)	Richard M. Surrano, Jr. & Michael Ragaini
EMS/ALS Ambulance	Robert F. Butler, Jr. & Phyllis Dinkelacker
Reserve Funds	Mary H. Brandow & Michael Strenka
Insurance/Medical	Mary H. Brandow & Michael Strenka

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Planning /Zoning	Michael Ragaini & Anthony Paluch
Employee Handbook	Mary H. Brandow & Michael Strenka
Employee Committee	Marcia Puorro & Mary H. Brandow
Highway Committee	Robert F. Butler, Jr. & Anthony Paluch
Building Committee	Richard M. Surrano, Jr. & Michael Ragaini
Code Enforcement	Michael Ragaini

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. *to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017 as read.* Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch *to approve the minutes of January 17, 2017 as read.* Ayes-5 (Butler Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Mr. Campbell asked about the Short term rental law. He then told the Board that there are more trailers under the power lines.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.