

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – August 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on August 21, 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. and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell was absent.)

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Michael Pirrone; Barbara Trembacz; Fran McCusker; Michael Campbell; Pat McDermott; Theresa Cardinale; Ralph Jenex; Janet and Eugene Paluch.

The following bills were audited by the Board:

General Abstract #15, vouchers #433 through #443 inclusive for \$9,499.41.

Highway Abstract #15, vouchers #157 through #166 inclusive for \$35,837.52.

Resident Pat McDermott of 255 Green Lake Road came before the Board, with a complaint of the property owner at 270 Green Lake Road who put up a huge green house on a concrete slab, on top of gravel.

Supervisor Butler informed those present that about a year ago, former Code Enforcement Officer Holsopple issued a Stop Work Order at this property. The owner, answered all complaints, and the Stop Work Order was lifted. This is the first he has heard about this. This is not considered a permanent structure.

Attorney Virginia Benedict stated that the Code Enforcement Officer would make the determination as to whether it is permanent or not. (Customary residential accessory) It could be a permitted use.

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch to accept the minutes of August 7, 2017 with corrections. (Discussion on Hudson River Bulk, not Heavy Haulers.) Ayes – 5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The Town Board received a quote from **Intelligent Technology Solutions, Inc.** to install a new wall mounted rack panel for all our server cables and equipment including few upgrades for \$2,391.48.

Supervisor Butler received a request from **Greene County Highway Superintendent Robert Van Valkenburg about having New York State Dept. of Transportation do a speed limit reduction evaluation on County Rt. 49 in the Town of Athens.** This road currently has no posted speed limit, so it is 55 mph. This section of County Route 49 between Schoharie Turnpike and State Rout 9W runs through both the Town of Coxsackie and the Town of Athens, a resolution was requested from both Towns. This resolution should request that NYSDOT establish a lower maximum speed on CR 49 in order to start that process.

On the motion of Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow the following **RESOLUTION #2017-45 requesting** that NYSDOT establish a lower maximum speed on CR 49 between Schoharie Turnpike and State Route 9W was adopted. Ayes – 5(Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Board members reviewed the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report.

The Board received a letter from DEC- for Lead Agency Coordination.

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A letter received from the Cultural Center asking if the Town would Sponsor the Victorian Stroll again this year.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. informed the Board that the meeting on Tuesday September 5 will start at 6:00 p.m. as we will be conducting interviews for the Community Foundation. We have six (6) candidates and three (3) openings. Candidates are: Carol Bernard; Carol May; Kathy Jackson; Joan Satterlee; Stephan Bradicich & Maureen Murphy.

Budget update.

Mr. Campbell spoke about Quarry road.

Attorney Benedict reported that she is looking into what the State's definition of fireworks is.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.