

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – July 17, 2017

A regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on July 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag lead by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr.

These people were present: Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilman Michael Ragaini; Councilman Anthony Paluch; Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey.

These people were also present: Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Michael Strenka; Barbara Trembacz; Fran McCusker; and Michael Pirrone.

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

General Abstract #13, vouchers # 394 through #407 inclusive for **\$29,842.91**.

Highway Abstract #13, vouchers #136 though #147 inclusive for **\$11,422.54**.

Councilman Paluch had one correction on page 7 of the July 5, 2017, minutes. (He wanted minutes to reflect that he voted no to appointing Albert Gasparini as Code Enforcer in place of Mr. Holsopple, who has been out on leave.

Town Clerk was directed to run an ad for volunteers for the Advisory Board to the Community Foundation. There are three openings available. The letters of intent should be received by August 14. (The meetings will begin earlier this year.)

Supervisor Butler informed the Board that the Assessor's Office has up to \$500.00 for her temporary help. He asked the Board how they felt about paying this temporary help \$13.00 an hour. Discussion followed.

On the motion of Councilman Michael Ragaini seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. the following **RESOLUTION #2017-43, to pay the Assessor's temporary hire \$13.00 per hour to file, was adopted.** Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

Discussion was held on The Code Enforcement Officers hours, and Assessor's hours, and each needing additional help. Someone needed to work up to 27 hours a week, who would work with the Assessor and Code Enforcement Officer and split the hours.

Supervisor Butler informed the Board that he will be meeting with Senator Amedore and his assistant, Greene County Highway Superintendent Robert Van Valkenburg; Greene County Legislator Gene Hatton and Town Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell, with regard to the intersection of County Route 74, Howard Hall Road, and NYS Route 385.

There will be a preconstruction meeting on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

The 2 or 3 of August Mr. Gasparini will be delivering road closed notices for Schoharie Turnpike.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting **a motion to adjourn** was made by **Councilman Michael Ragaini** seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0
Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.