

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – May 15, 2017

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on May 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.)

The following people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Assessor Carol McBride; Barbara Trembacz; Theresa Cardinale; Michael Campbell and Fran McCusker.

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

TA Escrow Account #9, vouchers #297 through #300 inclusive for \$1,134.29.

General Abstract #9, vouchers #301 through #317 inclusive for \$39,750.37.

Highway Abstract #9, vouchers #89 through #99 inclusive for \$12,052.82.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to go into Executive Session to discuss the Sleepy Hollow Lake Common Area Lawsuit*. Carried. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

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

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to *approve the minutes of April 17, 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 May 1, 2017 as read*. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler gave a Highway building update, and said that there would be a walk through on Thursday.

Bids for the new addition are due in by June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm.

Discussion followed concerning the receipt of bids, and payment process of building.

Bond Counsel was suggested if the Board needed more guidance.

Councilman Ragaini informed the Board that he had spoken with Dog Control Officer Sherry Vieta, and they agreed that there needs to be a meeting with the Athens Police on how to handle the dog calls that are received in the Village. She works a little bit differently than the former Village Dog Control Officer.

Attorney Virginia Benedict went over the EAF for the Solar Law Zoning Amendment.

On the motion of Councilman Anthony Paluch seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. the following **RESOLUTION #2017-22**, *to accept the Environmental Assessment Findings with a Negative Declaration for the Solar Law was adopted by the Board*. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The Public Hearing for the Solar Law will be held on June 19, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

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Greene County's Hazardous Waste Day is this Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Greene County Planning Board Meeting will be held on May 17, 2017.

Supervisor Butler advised the Board that he would like to have the Engineer do a study on this building after they start on the highway building.

Benches and tables have been installed at Green Lake Park and look great.

Notices to be given for Quarry Road B & B.

Discussion followed.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Anthony Paluch seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0  
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.