

The regular meeting of Athens Town Board was called to order on September 17, 2018, 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.

These people were also present; Attorney Corinne Smith; Assessor Carol McBride; Phyllis Dinkelacker; Scott Leggio; Michelle Leggio; Barbara Trembac; Theresa Cardinale; Fran McCusker; Robert Rosenthal; Reed Willis; Denis Jean; Ernestina deBellegarde; Charles Sturges; Douglas Lynch; Mary Garvy and Marge Kelly; Dominick Multari.

The following bills were audited and ordered paid.

General Abstract #16, vouchers #337 through #351 inclusive for \$8,652.43.

Highway Abstract #15, vouchers, #174 through #179 inclusive for \$17,822.12.

Presentation was given by Robert Rosenthal and Reed Wills on FPS Potic Road Solar- A Community Solar Project. This would be built by Freepoint Solar, the project owner, on 25 acres of the 40 acre parcel and would be fenced in. This facility is different as residents can purchase the electricity. The Company is allowed to sell it to Central Hudson customers and to Athens.

7:10 p.m. Attorney Corinne Smith arrived.

Residents could see a savings of \$100 to \$120 in their electric bill yearly. Some discussion followed.

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to accept the minutes of 9/4/2018 as read*. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded Anthony Paluch *to approve the Town Clerk's Report for the month of August as presented*. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Letter received from Greene County Emergency Medical Systems, Inc., President Mark Evans showing the amount due for 2019 for the Town of Athens at \$23,610.00. The first one third of the 2019 contribution will be billed in late December. Discussion followed.

A Chapter 11 Notice received from the US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, for New Mach Gen, LLC, et al., (New Athens Gen.) Supervisor Butler advised the Board that this was a restructuring loan.

Letter from Greene County Treasurer Peter Markou regarding charge backs for assessment rolls, erroneous assessments and various other charges for the period from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

Notice from the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers RE: Permit Application No. NAN-2017-01340-UBO by Association of Property Owners of Sleepy Hollow Lake, Inc. Towns of Athens and Coxsackie, Greene County, New York. The proposal would consist of the following: The discharge of return flow from maintenance dredging of a 1.3 acre portion of Sleepy Hollow Lake located between the mouth of Murderers Kill and Fallen Tree Court. After the sediment has been contained the water will be returned the Murderers Kill via gravity. The dredged material will retained in be an upland area and stabilized to prevent its reentry into waters of the United States.

Discussion followed on zoning. (Shale Mining on Valley Road.)

Dr. Sturges and Marge Kelly, bike riders and residents of the Town, came to complain about a dog on Route 385 which goes after bike riders. They feel that this is a potential hazard, and they don't want to be the accident or to bitten...

Discussion followed.

Fran McCusker's Term as a member of the Board of Assessment & Review is due to expire September 30, 2018.

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to reappoint Francis McCusker to the Board Of Assessment & Review for a Term of 6 Years beginning October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2023. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Time: 8:47 p.m.

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Time 9:04 p.m.

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to adjourn the meeting. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Time 9:05 p.m.