

REGULAR MEETING-ATHENS TOWN BOARD-JULY 2, 2018

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following people were present: Supervisor Butler; Councilman Michael Ragaini; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; Councilman Anthony Paluch; Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. and Deputy Town Clerk Gail Stacey.

The following people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Assessor Carol McBride; Bookkeeper Michael Strenka; Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini; Michael Campbell; Michael Pirrone; Sean McGrath; Barbara Trembacz; Fran McCusker; Carly Miller(The Daily Mail); Patrick Doyle; Dominic Multari and videographer Larry Styles.

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

GENERAL ABSTRACT #12, vouchers 255 through 273 inclusive for **\$21,705.08**

HIGHWAY ABSTRACT #11, vouchers 125 through 127 inclusive for **\$5,541.52**

Assessor Carol McBride presented her report to the Board. In regards to the Sleepy Hollow case, there was no new news; 2018 Final Assessment Roll has been completed; Reassessment Aide as of a June 25, 2018 confirmation will be sent in the amount of \$7543.23 for 2,926 parcels; Reassessment Letter has to be signed and returned to office as soon as possible; asked for permission to hire a data collector at \$15.00 per hour plus mileage as per budget cap of \$2500 and 2018 School Roll files will be completed by August 10, 2018. She also discussed her office hours with the Board. A FOIL request was also discussed.

Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini presented his report to the Board which included Building Permits, Inspections, and Certificates of Occupancy. Discussion followed in regards to the complaint from Thorpe Rd. and ideas of what to do with The Budget Inn and The Gypsy Point House, nothing has worked. Dollar General is almost completed. Water system has no prior approval and Board was advised that he would not be comfortable issuing a Certificate of Occupancy until the issue was fixed(high methane and iron count).System is in approval stage from Oneonta and NYS Health Departments. Discussion proceeded.

Bookkeeper Michael Strenka gave June's Supervisor's Report which stated that there were no changes and Budget worksheets would be out in July. He also asked for the Board to consider approving a Resolution to increase funds in the Highway Fund. Reserve Funds Balances were gone over.

: A FUND RESERVED- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 182,936
: A FUND RESERVED- BUILDING	\$ 894,166
: A FUND RESERVED- ENCUMBRANCES	\$ -0 -
: A FUND UNRESERVED	\$ 812,148
: B FUND UNRESERVED	\$ 180,512
: DA FUND RESERVED-EQUIPMENT	\$ 40,022
: DA FUND UNRESERVED	\$ 89,211
: DB FUND RESERVED-EQUIPMENT	\$ 30,012
: DB FUND UNRESERVED	\$64,324

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion to accept the Supervisors Report, seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini.

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

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. read the following:

Town of Athens Resolution #2018-28

Whereas, the Town of Athens Highway Superintendent has been awarded two new programs by New York State for road improvements consisting of PAVE NY for \$38,635.61 and Extreme Weather Roads for \$28,313.67, and

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Whereas, in addition to recognizing those 2 new revenue sources, the Highway Superintendent will be expending this year a carryover unexpended CHPS balance from previous years of \$108,466.80, and

Whereas, it is the intention of the Town Board of the Town of Athens to recognize all such transactions for budget purposes;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town Board hereby authorizes increasing Highway Fund Revenue code DB 3501 State Aid CHPS by \$175,416.08 and increasing Highway Fund Appropriations code DB 5112.2 CHPS by \$175,416.08.

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion to accept Resolution #2018-28, seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini.

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

June 18,2018 Minutes were reviewed by the Board.

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow.

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

Town Clerk's Report was reviewed by the Board.

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Richard M. Surrano, Jr.

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

Standard Work Day Hours were discussed for the offices. Assessor Hours: 32 hrs. per week: 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. (M,T,W,F) for the public; 8:45 – 9 a.m. and 4 - 5:15 p.m. for non-public business; ½ hour lunch. Bookkeeper Hours: 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. (M/T); 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. (W/TH). Code Enforcement Hours: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (W,TH,F). Town Court suggested hours 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (M – F), changing it from a 7:30 opening.

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion to change the Court's Hours to 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. Monday – Friday, seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow.

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

Supervisor Butler read a letter from George Greiner in regards to a Memorial Ceremony for Robert Brunner. It will be held at the American Legion on Second Street on July 11th at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who can attend, please do so.

Building Update Report was given by Supervisor Butler. Mayor Alberti and Supervisor Butler will be meeting with the architect and engineer on July 13th at 1:30 p.m. to see where the plans are at.

Supervisor Butler informed the Board that he will be going to the Legislature asking for something to be done in regards to the Howard Hall Rd. and Leeds-Athens Rd. Intersection. (accident issues)

Colarusso Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Polish Sportsman's Club on Newman Rd. in Hudson. All are welcome.

Supervisor Butler briefly went over the Association of Towns seminar letter, Hecate Solar letter, NYS Building Safety Inspector Course, and the Planning Board Minutes. Board members can completely go over them at their leisure.

Other Business:

- Councilman Anthony Paluch will have Zoning Maps for next meeting.
- Supervisor Butler addressed Mr. Dominic Multari in regards to his property on the 9W being included in the rezoning.
- Mike Campbell addressed the Board in regards to paving on Quarry Rd. due to safety issues.

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- Fran McCusker came before the Board with a complaint about Green Lake Homestead. Supervisor Butler informed her that she would have to come into the offices and pick up a complaint form and return it to the Town Clerk's office.

-Patrick Doyle from Flint Mine Solar came before the Board. He brought in some maps to be viewed but all the maps are on the public service website. He stated that the company will need at least 200-250 acres for their solar project and would like the Town to consider rezoning the area they are considering. They are also looking to submit a Preliminary Scoping Statement within the next 3 months. Supervisor Butler will reach out to the Supervisor to get additional information in regards to NYSERDA and the proposed solar program in Coxsackie.

With no further business to come before the Board, Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow.
Ayes-5(Butler;Ragaini;Brandow;Paluch;Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0
7:55 p.m.

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow.
Ayes-5(Butler;Ragaini;Brandow;Paluch;Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow.
Ayes-5(Butler;Ragaini;Brandow;Paluch;Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.