

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – June 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on June 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm 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 and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. and Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell were absent.)

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Assessor Carol McBride; Nancy Poylo; Michael Pirrone; Barbara Trembacz; Fran McCusker; Theresa Cardinale; Patrick Doyle, of Flint Mine Solar and Mary Garvey.

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

**General Abstract #11**, vouchers #222 through #243 inclusive for **\$45,531.36**.

**Highway Abstract #11**, vouchers #110 through #112 inclusive for #112 for **\$421.32**.

**Assessor Carol McBride** reported that Sleepy Hollow Litigation was held on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Grievance Day was held on May 28<sup>th</sup> with eight appearances, 45 mail-ins from Sleepy Hollow, 13 petitions to the Board of Review, 8 stipulations and 6 hardship exemption grievances. The office is processing all changes, and determination notices will be mailed out by the end of the week. Final Roll is July 1, 2019.

Next scheduled meeting of the Board of Review will be August 9, 2019.

Data Mailers are to be sent to Town residential parcels regarding data collection update, after the Final Roll is completed.

**Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Michael Strenka** went over the Supervisor Report with the Board.

**Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow** made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to accept the Supervisor's Report as presented*. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1(Surrano) Abstentions-0

The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's Report.

**Councilman Michael Ragaini** made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to *accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of May*. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1(Surrano) Abstentions-0

The minutes of May 20, 2019 were reviewed by the Board.

**Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion** seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow *to approve the minutes of May 20, 2019, as read*. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1(Surrano) Abstentions-0

**Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini** was not in attendance however he did turn in his report for the month of May. He reported 7 building permits; 2 bp renewals; 9 Building inspections; 1 Certificate of Occupancy; 5 Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests; 1 Septic Permit; and 1 demolition permit.

There was a complaint of 37 bags of garbage discarded in the woods on the property of 605 Green Lake Road (Old Green Lake Resort). DEC was notified.

He has been working with property manager Audrey Lent, in bringing Owen Lipstein's short term rental house at 216 Route 385 in compliance.

**Correspondence received from Jesse Pasackow**, Logistics Coordinator for the BRAKING AIDS Ride. This is a three-day, charity bicycle ride from the Cooperstown area to New York City. Approximately 125 riders will come together to raise money and awareness to fight a disease that affects millions of Americans each year.

BRAKING AIDS Ride is a fully-supported ride, not a race, with people of all ages, shapes, and sizes riding at their own pace. (The ride is Sept. 14, 2019, 8am to 12pm.)

They requested the Notification and Approval form be filled out and returned.

The following Greene County Resolutions were received:

#156-19-Awarding Fuel Oil Bid

#160-19-To Purchase Materials- Highway Department

#161-19-Washed and Screened Crushed Stone

**New York State has adopted New Sexual Harassment Prevention Legislation.**

Training needs to be completed by the extended date of October 19, 2019, by all Town employees.

A Thank you letter was received from Greene County Council on the Arts for supporting their 2019 Sprouts Youth Program.

Letter received from the Coxsackie Town Board, regarding a public hearing on June 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of considering Local Law 1 of 2019 – a local law to amend the code of the Town of Coxsackie, Chapter 167 titled “regulations and approvals standards for solar energy collection systems.” The hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 56 Baily Street, Coxsackie, NY.

**Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr.** informed the Board that he would be meeting with the Town Attorney, the Village Attorney and Mayor Bradicich, and wants to have the building completely transferred by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

When the transfer is complete we can talk to Senator Amedore; NYSEDA, etc. We have to have the numbers first.

Councilwoman Brandow asked if a search has been started for a bookkeeper.

Supervisor Butler stated that he has reached out to our accountants.

Discussion

Patrick Doyle of Flint Mine Solar asked Attorney Benedict about the zoning.

Attorney Benedict replied she is still working on it.

There is still nothing from DEC. North Catskill Station includes Athens.

Mr. Doyle stated that the Document will be out for Public Comment, probably the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Michael Ragaini seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1(Surrano) Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.