

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – April 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on April 15, 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 Micheal Ragaini; Councilman Anthony Paluch; Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell was absent.)

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Cheryl Alberti; Robert Brunner and Fran McCusker.

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

General Abstract #8, vouchers #163 through #179 inclusive for **\$104,815.80**.

Highway Abstract #8, vouchers #84 through #95 inclusive for **\$31,943.04**.

Board members reviewed the minutes of April 1, 2019.

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to approve the minutes if April 1, 2019 as read*. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The Town received a letter from NYS Public Employment Relations Board designating Sarah Miller Espinosa of Glenville, as Arbitrator, in case No: A2018-330- Parties: Town of Athens & Teamsters Local 294 (Athens Town Employees Unit).

The Town also received a letter from Sarah Miller Espinosa accepting the appointment in the above matter. She gave two possible dates for hearing: Wednesday May 22; or July 9.

Letter received from Nancy McCoy, Deputy Director of Real Property Tax Service. She stated that only initial appointees and reappointees to the BAR must attend a training session, taught by a county director of real property tax services, in order to participate in hearing and determination of assessment complaints on grievance day. Annual attendance at BAR training is optional for those BAR members who are not initial appointees or reappointees.

Discussion followed.

Supervisor Butler stated that as per resolution annual attendance is required. All three members have to attend. (The Resolution was #1995-13.)

A letter was received from Greene County Department of Human Services designating May as Older American Month to honor the achievements, value and contributions of our older residents. They will be holding their 9th Annual Senior Citizen Day, at the Freight masters Building at the Historic Catskill Point. The date has been set for Friday, May 17, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. with the theme, “A Salute to the USA and Military”.

The 2019 Greene County Senior Award nominees, including Senior Citizen of the Year, Robert Hoagland of Tannersville, and the Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Citizen winner, Peggy Snyder of Athens, will also be recognized that day.

An e-mail was received from Zoning Board Secretary Peggy Snyder announcing the results of their introduction meeting held on April 10, 2019. Their meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month, if needed, at 7 pm at the Town Office. Michael Pirrone (12/31/22) is the Chairman. **New members are:** Helen Ihde-12/31/20; Kevin Park- 12/31/2021; Chris Pfister- 12/31/23; Jim Morabito- 12/31/24; and alternates Scott Leggio and Eric Nelson- 12/31/2019.

The Town received a Municipal Planning, State Agency and Party List Representatives-with an attached Distribution List; RE: **Flint Mine Solar Facility** Identification of Visually Sensitive Resources Official Request for Information.

Environmental Design & Research is conducting a Visual Impact Assessment for the proposed Facility on behalf of Hudson Energy Enterprises LLC.

Letter received from Christine Douglas, Real Property Analyst with NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property. She answered questions that Councilmembers had.

Assessor Carol McBride had requested 3 boxes (1500) of stamped return addressed envelopes to send data changes out , at the April 1, meeting. Discussion followed.

It was decided that she could have 1 box of 500 envelopes.

Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini handed in a Fireworks Permits request from Sleepy Hollow Lake for July 6, 2019 for Board review and approval. Board approved & dated.

Board members asked when Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Mike Strenka was leaving. Discussion followed. Need a job description for bookkeeper.

Councilman Ragaini asked about zoning.

Supervisor Butler said that he started to look at Multari's property.

Someone asked if the building has been transferred yet.

Supervisor Butler said the Village is dragging their feet. Discussion followed.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.