

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – January 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on January 20, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following people were present: Supervisor Butler; Councilman Michael Ragaini; Councilman Anthony Paluch; Councilwoman Shannon Spinner and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilwoman Mary Brandow and Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell were absent.)

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper Don Pierro; Barbara Trembacz and Robert Brunner.

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

General Abstract #2, vouchers #19 through #39 inclusive for **\$64,449.19**.

Highway Abstract #2, voucher #12 for **\$113.49**.

Bookkeeper Don Pierro informed the Board that a Certificate of Deposit had matured and suggested that it be invested for a term of six (6) months.

On the motion of Councilman Michael Ragaini seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner the following **RESOLUTION 2020-18 To Invest a Certificate of Deposit** was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Athens hereby determines that it is in the public interest and purpose to invest idle funds, and

WHEREAS, In order to achieve such appropriate investment the Town of Athens must authorize said investment at a public meeting of the Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the current funds are duly held at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Athens, New York, and said funds are currently un-restricted funds to be invested for a period of six (6) months expiring on July 21, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the amount of un-restricted funds for this investment total \$850,000.00 and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete the investment transaction with the National Bank of Coxsackie for a sum not to exceed \$850,000.00 and it is further

RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution shall become effective this 20th day of January in the year 2020.

Adopted: Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow)

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to **approve the minutes of December 16, 2019 as read**. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner to **approve the minutes of January 6, 2020 as read**. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

On the motion of Councilman Anthony Paluch seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini the following **RESOLUTION #2020-19** was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens Highway Department seeks to purchase a Hyundai HL940 wheel loader under State Contract with Sourcewell; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Highway Superintendent's order, the procurement is to be funded from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund in a not to exceed amount of \$75,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Athens, hereby consents to and authorizes the expenditure of \$75,000.00 from Town of Athens Highway Equipment Reserve Fund, said appropriation being pursuant to section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to section 6-c of the General Municipal Law; and b it further

RESOLVED, that upon the effective date of this resolution, that the Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Upon the question of the adoption of this Resolution, the following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution. 4- (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner)

No Board members voted no. one Board member was absent-Brandow.

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner to **appoint Robert Brunner and James Murphy as data collectors.** Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

Board members reviewed the employee handbook.

Board members were reminded about the Capital Bicycle Racing Club- annual race to be held April 7 and April 14, of this year. Town will sweep Union Street and intersections from 385 to Farm to Market.

Town received a Dam Emergency Action Plan from Sleepy Hollow Lake. A flow chart was provided. Board discussion followed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.