

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – February 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on Monday February 17, 2020 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; Councilman Michael Ragaini; Councilman Anthony Paluch; Councilwoman Shannon Spinner and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilwoman Brandow & Highway Superintendent Farrell were absent.)

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Don Pierro; Barbara Trembac; Robert Brunner and Patrick Doyle.

The following Bills were audited by the Board and ordered paid.

General Abstract #4, vouchers #72 through #85 inclusive for **\$9,053.80**.

Highway Abstract #4, vouchers #32 through 38 inclusive for **\$6,089.38**.

The Board discussed a joint Town/ Village Comprehensive Plan update meeting to be held at the Athens Elementary School on March 5th, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

On the motion of Councilwoman Shannon Spinner seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini **RESOLUTION #2020-20** to hold a Joint Town/Village Comprehensive Plan Update meeting on March 5, 2020 to be held at the E. J. Arthur Elementary School, at 51 Third Street, Athens, N.Y. was adopted. The purpose of the meeting is for government officials to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Update. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Brandow) Abstentions-0

On the motion of Councilman Michael Ragaini seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner the following **RESOLUTION 2020-21** to increase the maximum income limits of \$29,000 with full sliding scale for 2020 for both the Senior Citizen and Disabled Tax Exemptions as shown below was adopted:

<u>Maximum Income Limits</u>	<u>Exemption Percentage</u>
\$29,000.00	50%
\$29,000.01 to \$29,999.99	45%
\$30,000.00 to \$30,999.99	40%
\$31,000.00 to \$31,999.99	35%
\$32,000.00 to \$32,899.99	30%
\$32,900.00 to \$33,799.99	25%
\$33,800.00 to \$34,699.99	20%
\$34,700.00 to \$35,599.99	15%
\$35,600.00 to \$36,499.99	10%
\$36,500.00 to \$37,399.99	5%

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

Data Collectors: Starting date will be February 17, 2020.

Rate of Pay: Discussion followed. Five (5) houses per hour for \$13.50.

More discussion. They are considered contractors; they will receive 1099's at end of year.

The current IRS rate for mileage is \$.57.5 per mile for the use of your own vehicle on town business.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. to pay data collectors \$14.00 per hour. (Councilwoman Spinner asked if it was in the budget.) Ayes-2 (Ragaini; Butler) Noes- 2(Paluch; Spinner) Absent-1 (Brandow) Abstentions-0 THIS WAS NOT CARRIED!

Councilwoman Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch to pay the data collectors \$14.50 per hour. Ayes -3 (Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-1 (Butler) Absent-1 (Brandow) Abstentions-0

A letter was received from **Athens Volunteer Fire Department** asking for a donation of \$300.00 for their annual Easter Egg Event.

Assessor's Tablet: Supervisor Butler presented Board members with 4 options re: RPS Remote Access with explanations. The current tablet is obsolete. Discussion followed.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner to upgrade the Assessor's tablet, and purchase her a new one. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0 (Supervisor to take old tablet.)

Councilwoman Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to purchase a tablet for the Highway Superintendent. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler informed the Board that we needed to change the date of Clean Up day which is currently set at April 25th. There is 5k run being done that day and they are running through the Village brush pile area. Our collection site is at the Village Fire House. After some discussion the Board decided on Saturday April 18th.

Supervisor Butler asked Councilman Ragaini if he would be able to run the Board meeting on March 16th.

Bookkeeper Don Pierro presented forms for the data collectors to use, with support documents and a mileage log.

Councilwoman Shannon Spinner made motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to accept the data collector forms that were presented. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-1(Brandow) Abstentions-0

Bookkeeper Pierro informed the Board that as per the bank except at tax time, we don't have the volume for a check reader.

Mr. Pierro reported that he had requested two (2) prices for assistance with the AUD for 2019. The 2 prices he received were \$2250.00 and \$3,000; both were open ended which is not preferable. So he went back to both firms and requested an upset price meaning a price not to exceed. He is waiting to hear from them.

Postage Meter: This is on State Contract. It would require a purchase price of \$1,481.03 plus a monthly lease of \$32.00 per month including rate updates; and a maintenance fee of \$21.00 per year. It can track by dept.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.