

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – January 19, 2021

The Athens Town Board was held on January 19, 2021 both electronically via zoom and at the Town Office at 7:10 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag lead by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr.

The following people were present: Supervisor Butler; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; Councilman Michael Ragaini; Councilman Anthony Paluch; Councilwoman Shannon Spinner; Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell; Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey; Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini and Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Don Pierro.

The following Bills were paid:

General Abstract #2, vouchers #18 through #34 inclusive for **\$23,768.93**.

Highway Abstract #2, vouchers #10 through #22 inclusive for **\$12,849.73**.

Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Don Pierro of all of the fourth quarter that he had to file.

He reported that when the QuickBooks conversion was done several corrections were made.

He asked for permission to pay a shortfall for the Town Clerk of \$1,549.44.

He also asked if he should set up a meeting with Elayne Gold to start getting ready for Union negotiations.

He also spoke about setting up a meeting with Dave LaVoie regarding employee health insurance.

Tighe and Bond were hired in 2018 for the Town's Interest in Intervenor Funds which were to be in the amount of \$25,000. To date we have received only \$8,000.

On the motion of Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner the following **RESOLUTION #2021-15** correct the QuickBooks error for 2020 for the shortfall in the Town Clerk's pay, by issuing her the \$1,549.44 in the next pay cycle.

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

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini that Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Don Pierro **set up the initial meeting with Elayne Gold**, of Roemer Wallens Gold and Mineaux, LLP for the Union Contract. Ayes-(Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 (Butler/ Ragaini/Paluch to attend meeting.)

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell informed the Board that he is getting quotes for Hans Vosenkill Road at Schoharie Turnpike for a **culvert replacement**.

He has a **tentative Road agreement**, which should be ready for February.

He wants to have Stone Creek Electric go the Garage as two outside lights are not working.

The Crew have been washing snowplows and greasing them.

Fixed the exhaust pipe on Truck #1.

Checked pipes and Ditches for blockages.

Spent 7 days cutting trees and brush on Potic Mountain road.

Ran a Fax line from the main server to Assessor's Office.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell Offered the full time position at the Highway to Killian Schrader. He is scheduled to start on February 8th, and he will be training for his CDL while on Probation.

On the motion Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch the following **RESOLUTION #2021-16** was adopted: **Resolution Subject To Permissive Referendum:** Authorizing the expenditure up to an estimated \$25,000 for the purchase of an Alamo Rear Mounted Boom Mower, to be paid using funds from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund. A full copy of the authorizing resolution is available for inspection at the office of Athens Town Clerk, 2 First St., Athens, NY 12015 during regular business hours of the Town.

Pursuant to Section 90 of Town Law this purchase and expenditure from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund is subject to Permissive Referendum in accordance with Article 7 of the NYS Town Law.

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

On the motion of Councilman Anthony Paluch seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner the following **RESOLUTION 2021-17** was adopted: **Resolution Subject To Permissive Referendum:** Authorizing the expenditure up to an estimated \$125,000.00 for the purchase of a 2021 Ford F600 Chassis with Henderson Plow and Body package, to be paid using funds from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund. A full copy of the authorizing resolution is available for inspection at the office of the Athens Town Clerk, 2 First St., Athens, NY, 12015 during regular business hours of the Town.

Pursuant to Section 90 of Town Law this purchase authorization and expenditure from the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund is subject to Permissive Referendum in accordance with Article 7 of the NYS Town Law.

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

In other Highway business, Rainbow Painting is going to paint the Shed.
The Village is still using the Town's salt shed.

Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini reported that there were 3 Certificate of Occupancy. There were 14 Municipal searches. He had 2 fire calls. He had 1 foil request.

Mr. Gasparini reported that Dan Boyd's Solar Project was rejected as it was the wrong zone, and was sent to the zoning Board of Appeals.

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

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow *to approve the minutes of January 4, 2021 as read.* Ayes-(Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.