

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – March 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on March 6, 2023, at 7:00 P. M. by Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, at the Town of Athens Highway Garage at 79 Old Kings Road, Athens, NY.

The following people were present: Supervisor Pirrone; Councilmember Mary H. Brandow; Councilmember Michael Ragaini; Councilmember Anthony Paluch; Councilmember Shannon Spinner and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey.

These people were also present: Greene County Legislator Edward Bloomer; George F. Stacey; Barbara Trembacz; Fran McCusker; Theresa Cardinale; Karen Dudley; Justice E. Timothy Mercer; Michael Campbell; Sam June; Jeff Strockbine; Justice Constance Pazin; Marcia Puorro; M, K. Garvey; Karen Haas; Brittany Palmateer; Robert Brunner and Patrick Doyle.

The Justices books were audited at this time: (Justice Constance Pazin; Justice E. Timothy Mercer; and Sam June were all present as Clerk Marcia Puorro handed out copies of the report to Board members. Board members followed along as she went over it. She reported that they received 1208 tickets in 2022.

Small Claims/Evictions	Total	(Pazin 11 Mercer 5)
Criminal Cases	Total	(Pazin 25 Mercer 12)
DWI Cases	Total	(Pazin 7 Mercer 6)
AUO Misdemeanor Cases	Total	(Pazin 12 Mercer 5)

The total Court 2022 Monthly Distribution Summary was as follows:

Total Amount collected for the year	\$189,318.50.
Total Amount to NYS for the year	\$98,145.25.
Total Amount to Town for the year	\$89,453.25.
Total Amount to County for the year	\$1,170.00.
Other	\$550.00.

They reviewed monthly bills from The State Comptroller for the Justice Court Fund as well as Grants applied for and received, from 2002 to 2022.

Court Clerk Puorro passed around a sign in sheet where each Councilmember signed that they had reviewed the books.

On the motion of Councilmember Shannon Spinner seconded by Councilmember Mary H. Brandow the following **RESOLUTION #2023-20** was adopted: The Town Board of the Town of Athens hereby certifies that we have examined the Accounts and Dockets of Town Justice Constance Pazin and Town Justice E. Timothy Mercer for the year 2022 and find the same to be true and correct. Ayes-5(Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The Town Board examined the Books of the Town Clerk for the year 2022 and found them to be true and correct.

Councilmember Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner *that they found the books of the Town Clerk for 2022 to be true and correct.* Ayes-5 (Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilmember Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Michael Ragaini *to accept and approve the Town Clerk's monthly report for February.* Ayes-5(Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilmember Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Michael Ragaini *to approve the minutes of 2/21/2023 as read.* Ayes-5 (Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilmember Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Mary H. Brandow *to approve the following vouchers which were audited by the Board:*

General Abstract #5, vouchers #90 through #111 inclusive for **\$27,927.26.**

Highway Abstract #4, vouchers 28 through #38 inclusive for **\$18,378.96.**

Trust & Custodian:

ZBA- Freepoint Solar- Legal: Abstract #2, voucher #2 for **\$900.00.**

ARX Wireless- Abstract #3, voucher #3 for **\$219.51.**

Ayes-5(Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilmember Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilmember Mary H, Brandow *to appoint **Jeff Strockbine** to be the ‘Village of Athens Representative’ to the BAR (the Board of Assessment and Review. Term of Office will be 5 years- 3/6/2023 (for 10/1/22) to 9/30/2028.* Ayes-4 (Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Spinner) Noes-1 (Paluch) Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilmember Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner to appoint Jason Borden as a

Temporary Alternate to the BAR for a 1 year term:

3/6/2023 to 9/30/2023. Ayes-4 (Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Spinner) Noes-1 (Paluch) Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The above appointment is due to the fact that Grievance Day will be held three days in May- the 23rd; 24th; and the 25th , to hear residents’ grievances from the 2022 reassessment values.

Councilmember Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Mary H. Brandow *to approve of the Racers going through the Town of Athens for the Annual Trooper Brinkerhoff Race to be held April 22 and April 29, 2023.* Ayes-5(Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Pirrone has been in touch with Carl Ublacker, NYSDOS, Local Efficiency Grant Program to coordinate a meeting.

The Assessment Roll may be reviewed by appointment, in the Assessor’s Office. The dates are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

March 15, 2023, between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm. March 23, 2023, between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Resident Michael Campbell came before the Board re: Quarry Road (911 Rd.). He said the creek is drying up and he is concerned. He is worried regarding fire protection for the houses in this area and the condition of the road. ***Discussion followed.***

Supervisor Pirrone said that he would talk to the Attorney.

Patrick Doyle of Flint Mine Solar, LLC, came to the Board to give a status update on the project and the new contract.

Supervisor Pirrone read a list of Community happenings for Athens, and their dates, for the Town of Athens.

March 21 is the Landfill Business meeting.

Councilmember Anthony Paluch said he would like to see the Assessor’s hours.

Councilmember Anthony Paluch stated that he would like to have the next Town board meeting at the Town Garage again, and from now on.

Councilmember Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner *to go into Executive Session to discuss the Athens Gen Pilot, Challenge to IDA; Flint Mine Solar Resolution; and a Moratorium -to revisit Solar Law.* Ayes-5(Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Time: 7:47 pm.

Councilmember Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Mary H. Brandow *to adjourn the Executive Session;* Ayes-5(Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Time: 8:20 pm.

Councilmember Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Michael Ragaini *to reconvene the regular meeting.* Time- 8:20 pm. Ayes-5(Pirrone; 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 Councilmember Anthony Paluch* seconded by Councilmember Michael Ragaini. Ayes-5 (Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.