

Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone called the regular meeting of the Athens Town Board to order on May 1, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, at the Village of Athens Fire Volunteer House.

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

These people were also present: Amber Clark; Diane Eastwick; Fran McCusker; Therese Cardinale; Barbara Trembacz; M. K. Garvey; Karen Dudley; George Greiner; Robert Brunner; Karen Haas; Anne Pirrone; Michael Campbell and Becky Pine.

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

General Abstract #9, vouchers #191 through #220 inclusive **for \$134,109.40.**

Highway Abstract #8, vouchers #71 through #84 inclusive for **\$15,195.35.**

Trust and Custodian:

ARX Wireless: Abstract #7, voucher #8 for **\$1,319.04.**

FreePoint Solar: Abstract #4, vouchers #4 through #6 inclusive for **\$1,880.74.**

Camp Catskills: Abstract # 2, voucher #2 for **\$150.00.**

Deschaine: Abstract #1, vouchers #1 through #3 inclusive for **\$966.05.**

FreePoint Solar: Abstract #3, voucher #3 for **\$5,478.14.**

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

Councilmember Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner *to approve the minutes of April 17, 2023, as read.* Ayes-5(Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone reported that Greene County will be doing renovations at the Cohotate Preserve area on Route 385.

Greene County Honor A Vet Memorial Ceremony, Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 10:00 am at the Warehouse, Historic Catskill Point.

The Town Clerk has forwarded Town Resolution #2023-28, the Objection to Governor Hochul’s “New York Housing Compact Proposal” to Governor Hochul, Finance Director Harris, Senator Hinchey, and Assemblyman Tague.

Assessor Clerk Sprague will be on vacation from May 11th to May 18th, 2023, for a family matter. Alison can work Monday May 15 and Wednesday May 17 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

The Commercial Celebration Venue, Local Law #1, of November 30, 2022, Section 180, Chapter 180-1, **Per Event Fee is needed**, to address the Administrative, Technical, Clerical and Professional services of the Town. (Fee of \$300 was suggested.)

Notice of Completion of Tentative Assessment Roll for the Town of Athens, Greene County, NY, for the year 2023, has been completed and verified by the undersigned assessor and a certified copy thereof was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Athens at 2 First Street, Athens, NY 12015 on the 1st day of May 2023 there to remain for public inspection.

On the motion made by Councilmember Shannon Spinner seconded by Councilmember Mary H. Brandow **RESOLUTION #2023-29**, to give \$1,000 to the Street Festival Committee towards the Annual Festival. Ayes-5 (Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

On the motion of Councilmember Michael Ragaini seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner the following **RESOLUTION #2023-30** to establish a fee for Commercial Celebration Venue Events, Local Law #1 of November 30, 2022, as follows: Individual Event Fees shall be **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300)** to address the Administrative, Technical, Clerical and Professional services of the Town of Athens was adopted. Ayes-5(Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilmember Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner to *approve the Town Clerk's Report* as read. Ayes-5(Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone informed those present that Carl Ublacker, NYDOS, Local Efficiency Grant Program will be held at our next meeting at the E.J. Arthur Elementary School on May 15, 2023, to explain the Program.

This program which is administered by New York Department of State, provides technical assistance and competitive grants to local governments for projects that will achieve savings and improve municipal efficiency through shared services, cooperative agreements, consolidations, and dissolutions.

Discussion was held on meeting sights:

Councilmember Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner *to hold the meeting of June 5th, 2023, at the Town Highway Building.* Ayes-3 (Brandow; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-2 (Pirrone; Ragaini) Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Pirrone reminded everyone *that Grievance Day will be held on May 23, 2023,* from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, and they should call and make appointments if they plan on attending.

Resident George Greiner spoke about the joint Comprehensive Plan. He then spoke about water coming off the hill, flooding out the neighbors. Maybe we haven't stuck to the Plan.

Supervisor Pirrone answered by saying we are concerned as well. The Highway Superintendent, Attorney, and Engineer are very aware.

Discussion followed:

Resident Mike Campbell asked if the Board had decided what is going to be done about Quarry Road.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting **a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Shannon Spinner** seconded by Councilmember Michal Ragaini. Ayes-5 (Pirrone; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.