

SPECIAL MEETING—ATHENS TOWN BOARD—October 4, 2023
BUDGET WORKSHOP

A SPECIAL meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order at 7:03 P.M., at the Athens Town Hall by Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone.

The following people were present: Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone; Councilmember Mary H. Brandow; Councilmember Michael Ragaini; Councilmember Anthony Paluch, and Donald A. Pierro, Finance and Budget Officer.

There were no other people present from the Town Government or the General Public. The public notice was filed by the Town Clerk for each of the three scheduled Budget Workshops scheduled for Wednesday October 4th, Thursday October 12th, and Wednesday October 18th which will begin at 7:00 P.M.

The four Town Board Members present signed all available vouchers for immediate processing given that the October 2, 2023 Board Meeting was previously cancelled.

Budget Officer Donald Pierro opened the workshop by describing the effects of the downward Tax Rate despite an uptick in overall spending. Supervisor Pirrone directed Pierro to begin speaking about the overall operational spending in General Fund “A” and Part Town Fund “B”.

The following General Ledger accounts were questioned and Pierro explained the detail behind the spending for all categories. The Accounts are as follows:

“A” Fund Town Supervisor Department

1220.11 Wages- Bookkeeper to the Supervisor
1220.13 Wages – Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor

Town Assessor Department

1355.12 Wages- Town Assessor Consultant

Town Clerk Department

1410.10 Wages – Town Clerk
1410.12 Wages - Part time Assistant to the Town Clerk

Town Attorney Department

1420.10 Wages -Town Attorney

Building and Grounds

1620.40 Soft Costs for development of 2 First Street Addition and Main Building

“B” Fund Code Enforcement Department

3620.12 Wages- Part time Added Code Enforcement Officer

Town Zoning Board of Appeals

8010.4 Zoning Board Member Stipend
8010.4 ZBA Secretary

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Town Planning Board

8020.4 Planning Board Members Stipend

8020.4 Planning Board Secretary

Discussion ensued regarding the above account numbers; however, wages will be discussed in Executive Session currently scheduled for October 18, 2023.

No action was taken on any of the account numbers stated above and the Board will continue these efforts for the Annual 2024 Budget on Thursday October 12, 2023 where we plan to address the “DA” and “DB” Operational Funds.

The following vouchers were audited by the Board after the meeting:

General Abstract #18, vouchers #448 through #473 inclusive for **\$33,027.41**.

Highway Abstract #17, voucher #160 for **\$7,615.96**.

Trust & Custodial:

Abstract #1, Voucher #1- Victorian Stroll for \$13,664.04.

As there was no further business to come before the Town Board the Budget Workshop was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.