

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD

September 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on September 4, 2024, by Supervisor Michael Pirrone at 6:00pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting was held at the Athens Municipal Building, 2 First St.

The following Town Board members were in attendance: Supervisor Pirrone, Council Members Tami Bone, Mary Brandow, Anthony Paluch and Becky Pine.

The following Town Officers and Appointees were in attendance: Town Clerk Phyllis Dinkelacker, Deputy Supervisor Lasher, Town Attorney George McHugh

The following people were in attendance: T. Cardinale, F. McCusker, R. Brunner, G. Greiner, K. Garvey, K. Daly & Mike Ragaini.

Town Board Discussion – Board member Pine requested that Adam Yagelski from Delaware Engineering speak with the board and discuss which direction the board wants to go in regarding telecommunications law and related items. After a lengthy discussion and weighing the options of moving forward, it was agreed upon that Adam and Town Attorney McHugh will work on modifying TOA Code 162 and bring their suggestions back to the Town Board members.

VOUCHERS

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

<u>General 2024 Abstract # 17</u>	Vouchers	349 – 379	\$46,733.66
<u>Highway 2024 Abstract # 17</u>	Vouchers	109 – 112	\$ 8,803.35
<u>T & C's</u>			
<u>Stay Lina's (9071 Rt 9W) Abstract #9</u>	Voucher	9	\$ 440.00
<u>Victorian Stroll – 2024 Abstract #1</u>	Voucher	1	\$12,585.96

The minutes from August 19, 2024 were distributed to the Town board and motion by Bone and seconded by Paluch, to accept the minutes. Motion carried: Ayes – 5, No's – 0.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report for the month of August was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Brandow and seconded by Pine to accept the Clerk's report.

Motion Carried. Ayes – 5, No's – 0.

Supervisor Report: Legal Items

1.FreePoint Solar, LLC. et al. v. Town of Athens Zoning Board of Appeals. Appellate Division, Third Dept.-Case/Docket No.:CV-24-0711.
Town of Athens, Special Counsel, John Dowd, Dreyer-Boyajian has filed our *Respondent Brief for the case. Awaiting determination from the NYS Supreme Court-Appellate Division.*

2.Hailee Dickson, et al. v. Town of Athens Zoning Board of Appeals, et al. NYS Supreme Court, Greene County-Index No.: EF2024-400.
Towns Special Counsel, John Dowd, Esq. preparing memorandum of law in opposition to Dickson and others' Article 78 Verified Petition.

3.APO Sleepy Hollow Lake, Inc., et al, Plaintiffs (Index No. EF2023-573, Dtd. August 11, 2023) – vs Greene County Industrial Development Agency, et al.
On July 23, 2024, Honorable Sharon A. Graff, J.S.C., accordingly, hereby ORDERED that the petition/complaint is dismissed; ... *There is an indication that Sleepy Hollow Lake is filing an Appeal.*

4.Town Attorney McHugh-Town Board legal update & explanations.

Supervisor Report: General Items

A. Attend meeting with Catskill Village Trustees & Leeds VFD Board of Directors to discuss 2025 Contract.

B. Greene Sheriff Office conducting Dog Control Officer Training on Oct 26, 2024. Town DCO Vieta has been notified of the Training.

C. Town of Athens Code books, discussion.

D. Building Fees, last time updated, June 7, 2021. Will consider review.

E. Renewal of Catskill Ambulance BLS contract, discussion.

New Business:

Town Action: To Accept Greene County Resolutions Nos. 285-24, 294-24, 307-24, 308-24, 309-24, 310-24 & 311-24 various items including Sports & Recreational Grant, Propane Fuel Bid Award & several Chargebacks for Services & Material for Assessment Rolls printing, Tax Bills printing & mailing.

A Motion was made By Pine and seconded By Bone to accept the County's resolutions, noted above. Motion carried. Ayes – 5 No's- 0

Town Action: To Authorize the Supervisor to sign the Catskill Ambulance BLS services Contract. Contract (8/14) & details (8/28) forwarded.

A motion was made by Bone seconded By Pine to authorize the Supervisor sign the Catskill Ambulance BLS 2025 contract.
Motion carried. Ayes – 5 No's- 0

Town Action: To Authorize the Supervisor to attend Leeds VFD Public Hearing when held and accept the Leeds VFD Budget for the year 2025.

Motion was made by Bone 2nd By Brandow.
Motion carried. Ayes – 5 No's- 0

Town Action: To Appoint Paul Salvino, TOA resident, recommended by Michale N. Pirrone, to the Town of Athens Community Foundation as Town Supervisor Designee Appointment as Foundation Trustee, July 17, 2024, to July 16, 2026.

Motion was made by Brandow seconded by Bone.

Motion carried. Ayes – 5 No's- 0

Town Action: To Appoint Ed Bloomer, TOA resident, recommended by Tami Bone, to the Town of Athens Community Foundation as Town Board Designee Appointment as Foundation Trustee, September 4, 2024, to September 03, 2026.

Motion By Paluch seconded by Brandow.

Motion carried. Ayes – 5 No's- 0

Town Action: Town Budget process has begun, Budget Workshop sessions begin on Wednesday, October 16 @ 6:00 pm, Monday, Oct. 21 @ 5:00 pm and Friday, Oct 25 @ 6:00 pm.

A Motion was made by Pine seconded by Brandow.

Motion carried. Ayes – 5 No's- 0

Old Business Issues:

1. Town Board Video Conferencing consideration can be allowed, provided the conditions have been satisfied.

2. Employee Dental & Vision Policy. The policies are employee only plans. No participation in the Town required. Please consider & advise.

3. Even Year Election Legislation, Proposed Public Hearing, Mandatory Referendum, Local Law, Change the Term of Supervisor, Town of Athens.

Town Council Concerns:

Board member Bone reported that Greene County Public Health will be at the Athens senior center on Monday Sept 9th. Giving shot for shingles, RSV & TB. Other shots will be given later this year.

Public Concerns:

-Question on the playground project.

They have started to do work on the playground.

-Ms. Garvey just wanted to state that where she lives, she does not have good cell service and is looking forward to better cell service with the new tower going in.

-Discussion on the Athens Recreation Association (The Athens Pool). Its financial situation and what can be done about it.

Supervisor Pirrone informed us that there will be another meeting on Thursday 9/5, and he will be attending and will get more info.

Community Information:

September 3: Code Review Committee. Municipal Building.

September 4: Town Board Meeting, Municipal Building.

September 7: Greene County Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Scott Lane.

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September 8: NY Forward Funding. Community Building.
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September 13: Annual Senior Citizens Day. Historic Catskill Point.
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Being no other business to come before the Board.

A Motion was made by Brandow and second by Bone to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm.
Motion passed. Ayes – 5, No's – 0.

Respectfully submitted.

Phyllis Dinkelacker
Athens Town Clerk

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