

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: To Approve the Minutes of the meetings of July 17, 2024, and August 5, 2024.

Motion By

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EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

Departmental Narratives:

- **Highway Superintendent: Report Attached.**
- **Code Enforcement Officer: Report Attached.**
- **Assessor Report: Report Attached.**
- **Financial Report: Report Attached.**

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

Supervisor Report: General Items

- A. Planning meeting with Catskill Supervisor Patrick McCulloch for the Leeds VFD budget review, TBD.**
- 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.**

TOWN OF ATHENS
Building Department
Report for July 2024

Building Permits: 4 –

New Firehouse, Total 921 Schoharie Turnpike 10,353 Square Feet
Manufactured Home 3 Bedroom 2 Bath, Total 880 Sq. Ft, 503 Flats Road
Electric Vehicle Charger Installation, 251 Sleepy Hollow Road
Barn Garage 26 Ft. by 30 Ft, 160 Sandy Plains Road

Building Inspections: 14 –

Building Permit Inquiries: Inquiries of parcels of land to build homes, Residential Solar Panels, Garage, Shed, Cellphone Concrete tower structure Farm to Market Road.

Certificate of Occupancy:

Temporary Certificate of Occupancy:

Certificate of Compliance: 3 Removal of House 314 Quarry Road.
Angelo Rakitis Quarry Road, Removal of Barn, 1030 Leeds Athens Road

Certificate of Occupancy Search Request: 1

Complaints:1, 632 Potic Mountain Road, 14 Chicken evading neighbor's property. Received pictures of chickens on neighbors' property in August.

Demolition Permits: 4 Removal of Barn at 1030 Leeds Athens Road,
Removal of Garage 664 Vosenkill Road, Removal a Single Family Manufactured Home 503 Flats Road (Catskill Mountain Housing), Removal of Home (Destroyed by fire) 270 Green Lake Road,

Septic Permit: 1, At 1204 Schoharie Turnpike

Sign Permits:

Short Term Rental Certificates:

Fire / 911 Calls: -

Fireworks Permit:

Violations:

Violations: On going,

Note:

- 1030 Leeds Athens Road: Wells Fargo maintenance company Altisource had Innovative Field Services clear barn area. \$8,000.00 dumpster fees.
- 8/15/2024 a site inspection was done and the Vacant Property on Schoharie Turnpike was cleared of litter and debris.
- Certified letter to property owner using vacant land for housing in 5 recreation vehicles was returned undeliverable 8/15/2024.

TOWN OF ATHENS
Assessor's Monthly Report August 2024

Our office has received and processed the following:

- Village Permits/CO/CC: 0 (Received from V-CEO)
- Town Permits/CO/CC: 2 (Received from T-CEO)
- Village Deeds via parcels: 11 (Received from RPTS-County)
- Town Deeds: 19 (Received from RPTS-County)
- Village Map Revisions: 0 (Received from RPTS-County)
- Town Map Revisions: 0 (Received from RPTS-County)
- Village E-911 number Revision: 0 (Received from RPTS-County)
- Town E-911 number Revision: 5 (Received from RPTS-County)

The final roll was completed and filed on July 1st, 2024.

There were 11 sales received for the Village this month, ranging from 275,000 to 695,000, and still reflecting a strong market, (deeds with conditions are not part of this statistic).

There were 19 deeds filed for the Town this month, ranging from 70,000 to 1,100,000, and again still reflecting a strong market, (deeds with conditions are not part of this statistic).

Still working on all of the exemptions, and the property owners have been very cooperative with submitting the documentation required.

We are still experiencing issues with our computers.

The Board of Assessment Review will be meeting on 10/23/2024 to act on "Petitions to the Board of Assessment review" for corrections to the final assessment roll for the January 2024 Town/County taxes.

We have received 6 SCAR cases and 1 Article 7 case.

NYS Taxation and Finance increased the Enhanced STAR income level to \$107,300 based on the 2023 Federal Income Tax Return (AGI less IRA) for 2025.

We are continuing to update our files, adding pictures, verifying data, filing, collecting data and working on valuation for the 2025 assessment roll.

Otherwise, conducting business as usual,

Thank you.

Dawn DeRose
Assessor



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OFFICE of the SUPERVISOR
Michael N. Pirrone

Supervisor's Report Month of July 2024

Pursuant to Section 119 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all funds received & disbursed by Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone, the Chief Executive/Financial Officer for the Town of Athens.

FUNDS:

- A General Townwide.
- B General Outside Village
- C Highway Townwide
- D Highway Outside Village

Michael N. Pirrone, Supervisor

June 17, 2024

Town of Athens
Operational Narrative
July 2024

- 1. Financial office moving along quite well.**
- 2. All financial activity through July 31 recorded in the General Ledger.**
- 3. Current Summary of Cash & Combing Balance Sheet is updated & attached to the rear of the report.**
- 4. The Operating & Reserve Bank statements are reconciled.**
- 5. The Retirement Report is being prepared & filed.**
- 6. All Accounts Payable activity is coded, processed & paid as of July 31, 2024.**
- 7. Time Reports are monitored, reviewed, and submitted for processing. Transition to outside service has been well received.**
- 8. The bookkeeper has sent out the 2025 Budget information request. Consulting with the Supervisor with additional information.**