

10/21/2024 3:10 PM

Town of Athens, NY & Town Council Meeting

Municipal Building, 2 First Street

Michael N. Pirrone, Supervisor, Presiding.

Agenda MONDAY, October 21, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Please Sign In, No Sign in-Not Included in Minutes.

- **PLEDGE of ALLEGIENCE.**
- **VOUCHERS: To Approve the Vouchers audited by the Town Board for payment.**
Motion By 2nd By
- **PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: To Approve the Minutes of the Meetings of October 7, 2024. Minutes Attached.**
Motion By 2nd By

Departmental Narratives

- **Highway Superintendent: Report Attached.**
- **Assessor: No Report Attached.**
- **Code Enforcement Officer: Report Attached.**
- **Supervisor's 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 All the appellate briefs have been filed with the Appellate Division Scheduled for oral arguments in November 2024.
2. **Palmateer (Index EF2023-2803, Dtd. November 24,2023) – CPLR Article 78 versus Greene County Industrial Development Agency, et al. Judge Gandin issued a decision dismissing the petition. The petitioner has appealed the decision.**
3. **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.

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

Supervisor Report: General Items.

- A. Greene Sheriff Office conducting Dog Control Officer Training on Oct 26, 2024.
- B. Tentative Planning & Zoning Training, October 29 & November 12. Town Clerk has sent in the request form to Dept of Human Services on 9/25, to use the Senior Center on 2nd St.
- C. Building Fees, last time updated, June 7, 2021. Will consider review.

New Business:

- **Town Action: To Authorize the Supervisor to sign the Letter of Engagement with Dreyer Boyajian, John Dowd, Esq. lead attorney, filing of brief in opposition to "Amicus Curiae" brought by State of New York & the Public Service Commission. Estimated Cost is \$5,000. To \$6,000. (+-) Budget A/C 1420.41**
Motion By 2nd By AIF

- **Town Action: To Authorize the Supervisor to sign the Leeds Volunteer Fire Department Contract.**
Motion By 2nd By AIF

- **Town Action: To designate Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone, Town Bookkeeper Joanne Kratz and One (1) Town Councilperson to Attend the Association of Towns Annual Training & Meeting in NYC in February 2025. Estimate Cost per Department is \$2,000., Total Estimated Cost \$6,000. (+-) Budget A/C 1010.4 & 1220.4.**
Motion By 2nd By AIF

Old Business Issues:

- Town Facebook Proposal.
- Letter from VOA Trustee Lipsman. (Tabled)
- Planning Board & ZBA.

Town Council Concerns:

Public Concerns:

Community Information:

- Oct 21: Town Board Meeting, Budget Workshop, 5:00 p.m. Municipal Building.
- Oct 21: Town Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Municipal Building.
- Oct 24: Planning Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building.
- Oct 25: Town Board Meeting, Budget Workshop, 4:00 p.m. Municipal Building.
- Oct 26: Town Wide Clean Up. Town Highway Facility, 70 Old Kings Road.
- Oct 26: Dog Control Training. Greene County Sheriff Office
- Nov 2: Greene County Honor a Vet, Veteran of the Year. Historic Catskill Point Warehouse, 10:00 am.
- Nov 5: Election Day. Town Offices Open.
- Nov 7: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Nov 11: Veterans Day, all Town Offices closed.
- Nov 13: Zoning Board of Appeal Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Nov 18: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Nov 21: Planning Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Dec 2: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Dec 11: Zoning Board of Appeal Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Dec 14: Victorian Stroll. Village of Athens.
- Dec 16: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Dec 19 or 26 TBD: Planning Board Meeting. Municipal Building.

Town Action: Move to Adjourn,

Motion By

2nd By

Highway report for 10/21/2024

Did Gradall work on Vosenkill road

Hauled item 4 for village of Athens for 2 days

Mowed sides of all town roads

We finished all our blacktop patching work for the year

Checked all roads and culvert pipes

Did a driveway culvert and new culvert with catch

basin on Leeds Athens Road

Antonio went to flagger training school

Cracked filled Vosenkill road

Hauled blacktop for town of new Baltimore Did tree

work in village of Athens for a day

Clean up day is this Saturday at town highway garage

TOWN OF ATHENS
Building Department
Report for September 2024

Building Permits: 3

Mini Splits AC Cooling and Heating Units- 20 Lakeshore Ct,
14 Kw Generac Generator - 385 High Hill Road,
Timber Frame Carport 16 Ft. by 24 Ft. - 135 Vosenkill Road,

Building Inspections: 14 –

Building Permit Inquiries: Inquiries of parcels of land to build homes, Residential Solar Panels, Garage, Shed, New Home, Home Generator. Email from Paces a GIS and data platform for renewable energy wanting information that the Greene County has. Advised to contact Greene County.

Certificate of Occupancy:

Temporary Certificate of Occupancy:

Certificate of Compliance: 2 79 Lake Forest Drive 44 Panels 17.82 KW Solar Array. 734 Green Lake Road Installation of a 15.58 Kw Mounted Solar Array.

Certificate of Occupancy Search Request: 8

Complaints:

Demolition Permits:

Septic Permit:

Sign Permits:

Short Term Rental Certificates: 3 Renewals

Fire / 911 Calls: -

Fireworks Permit:

Violations:

Note:

- On October 10, 2024, a site visit was made at the vacant lot on Schoharie Turnpike and it was found that the commercial tracked excavator and commercial bulldozer were removed from the vacant lot. Chapter 180. Zoning Section 180-9. Prohibited uses Any use not listed in the Schedule of Uses (§ 180-10) shall be deemed prohibited
- On October 17, 2024, at 9:37 A.M. A site visit was made at 1043 Schoharie Turnpike and it was found that the commercial tracked excavator and commercial bulldozer were moved from the vacant lot to 1043 Schoharie Turnpike.
- The only ARX work that has started for the cell tower is for Building Permit BP24-37, the trenching for the cell tower electrical service building permit. Work has not begun for the cell tower foundation base, Building Permit BP24-39. Both permits were issued on 8/29/2024.