

**Town of Athens, NY & Town Council Meeting  
Municipal Building, 2 First Street**

**Michael N. Pirrone, Supervisor, Presiding.**

**Agenda WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2024 @ 6:00pm**

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

**PLEDGE of ALLEGIENCE.**

Town Board Discussion requested by R. Pine, Councilwoman, concerning direction to proceed with telecommunication law & related items. Facilitators are George McHugh, Town Attorney & Adam Yagelski, Delaware Engineering will guide the Board in explaining current obstacles, broad options & potential remedies to move forward. The goal is to decide on a path of action, get a law in the books and possible adjustments to Code Chapter 162.

**Town Action:**

**Motion By                      2<sup>nd</sup> By                      AIF**

**EXCEPTIONS NOTED:**

**VOUCHERS: To Approve the Vouchers audited by the Town Board for payment.**

**Motion By                      2<sup>nd</sup> By                      AIF**

**EXCEPTIONS NOTED:**

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: To Approve the Minutes of the Meetings  
of August 19, 2024. Minutes Attached.**

**Motion By                      2<sup>nd</sup> By                      AIF**

**EXCEPTIONS NOTED:**

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: To accept Town Clerk Report for the month of August.  
Report Attached.**

**Motion By                      2<sup>nd</sup> By                      AIF**

**EXCEPTIONS NOTED:**

**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.**

**Motion By**

**2<sup>nd</sup> By**

**AIF**

**EXCEPTION NOTED:**

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

Motion By                      2<sup>nd</sup> By                      AIF

**EXCEPTION NOTED:**

- **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 By                      2<sup>nd</sup> By                      AIF

**EXCEPTIONS NOTED:**

- **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, October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027.

Motion By                      2<sup>nd</sup> By                      AIF

**EXCEPTIONS NOTED:**

- **Town Action:** To Appoint XXXXXXX, TOA resident, recommended by XXXXXXXXXXXX, to the Town of Athens Community Foundation as Town Board Designee Appointment as Foundation Trustee, October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027.

Motion By                      2<sup>nd</sup> By                      AIF

**EXCEPTIONS NOTED:**

- **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.

Motion By                      2<sup>nd</sup> By                      AIF

**EXCEPTIONS NOTED:**

**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:**

**Public Concerns:**

**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.**
- \* September 7: Greene County YMCA Triathlon. Sleepy Hollow Lake.**
- \* September 8: NY Forward Funding. Community Building.**
- \* September 10: Code Review Committee. Municipal Building.**
- \* September 11: Zoning Board of Appeal. Municipal Building.**
- \* September 13: Annual Senior Citizens Day. Historic Catskill Point.**
- \* September 14: Athens Volunteer Fire Department "BBQ". AVFD Facility.**
- \* September 16: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.**
- \* September 26: Planning Board Mtg. Municipal Building.**

**Town Action: Move to Adjourn,**

**Motion By**

**2<sup>nd</sup> By**

**AIF**

**EXCEPTIONS NOTED:**