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Town of Athens, NY & Town Council Meeting

Municipal Building, 2 First Street

Gail Lasher, Deputy Supervisor, Presiding.

Agenda MONDAY, August 5, 2024 @ 6:00pm

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

- **PLEDGE.**

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

Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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

Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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

Report Attached.

Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

NYS Hunting and Fishing Licenses, 6 NYCRR Part 177 Sporting License Printing and Mailing Fee. This rulemaking adopts a regulation to allow License Issuing Agents (LIAs) and license fulfillment centers to levy a nominal fee for the printing and/or mailing of plain paper hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses.

The Town Clerk is responsible for the Printing of Hunting and Fishing Licenses on plain paper, as authorized by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Clerk can collect only the cost of the License, not the cost of printing it.

NYS DEC is proposing a change in regulation that would allow agents (Town) to pass on the plain paper printing cost of the License to the purchaser. Should this NYS DEC regulation pass, the Town Clerk wishes to determine if the Town Council

wants to follow the prescribed regulation or concede to waiving the printing cost for the purchaser.

Attached: & 6 NYCRR 177, Express Terms
& 6 NYCRR 177, Regulatory Impact Statement

Of Note: The Regulatory Impact Statement, Paragraph # 5, Local government mandates: The proposed rule does not impose any mandates on local governments.

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

Supervisor Report: General Items

- A. Received a response from the Greene County Planning Board regarding the Town Referral for the Amended Solar Local Law. The County's response is "No Action". Th Town Planning Board has not responded to this issue. All council members have received information.
- B. Town Clerk to set Public Hearing for Amended Solar Local Law for August 19.
- C. Meeting Rene Van Schaack, Greene Cty. IDA, Council Woman Becky Pine on August 12, regarding CHPE project.
- D. Meeting with Paul Salvino regarding Rivertown Senior Housing Development Fund, Inc. Pilot agreement, on August 13.
- E. Planning meeting with Catskill Supervisor Patrick McCulloch for the Leeds VFD budget review, TBD.

New Business:

- **Town Action:** To waive the NYS Hunting and Fishing Licenses, 6 NYCRR Part 177 Sporting License Printing and Mailing Fee, incurred by the Town.
See supplemental information.

Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTION NOTED:

- **Town Action:** With Towns relationship to the WALS Fire District with the residents of the Town, the services provided, the goodwill & the partnership we share, Supervisor Pirrone is concurring with CEO Gasparini's suggestion that the Town authorize the Building Department to waive the Building Permit fee of approximately \$10, 500. +-. We personally think that this is a small gesture, that would be agreeable to all Athens residents.
Formal Resolution Attached.

• Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

- **Town Action:** Town Resolution # 2024-25 agrees to submit a joint application, with the Village of Athens, to the Greene County Administrator available ARPA funding of \$ 25,000, each (total of \$ 50,000). for upgrades to the Athens Green Playscape Area, as described.
Formal Resolution Attached.

Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

- **Town Action:** To Authorize the Town Clerk to Contract with Ruby D's cleaning services, as outlined in their proposal, 3 persons, total of 40 hours' time, cost of \$ 5,000. The services are not within the scope of the janitorial services provided by the Landlord. The Town Clerk & staff are working diligently to clean, remove & improve the working environment of the office spaces.

Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

- **Town Action: To Set Public Hearing for Amended Solar Local Law # _____**
 Currently under review by the Town Council. Received a response from the Greene County Planning Board regarding the Town Referral for the Amended Solar Local Law. The County's response is "No Action". The Town Planning Board has not responded to this issue.

Formal Resolution Attached

Motion By

2nd By

AIF

EXCEPTION NOTED:

Old Business Issues:

1. It appears possible for the town and the village to jointly own the real property and bond future renovations and additions. Recommends that the town and village consider Bond Counsel Chris Chale engaging her firm to draft an IMA for this purpose. Attached please find her email and attachment.
2. Town Board Video Conferencing consideration can be allowed, provided the conditions have been satisfied.
3. Employee Dental & Vision Policy. The policies are employee only plans. No participation in the Town required. Please consider & advise.
4. Even Year Election Legislation, Proposed Public Hearing, Mandatory Referendum, Local Law, Change the Term of Supervisor, Town of Athens.

Planning Board items of concern.

1. Update to Code, Fees, Fine schedules.
2. Committee to do codes.
3. Additional, alternate members.
4. Code book (Hard Copy).
5. Attendance & Training., Maps

- **Town Action:**

Motion By

2nd By

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EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

Account Description	Fee Description	Account#	Qty	Local Share
Building Permits	Building Permit	B 2590	5	837.50
			Sub-Total:	\$837.50
Clerk Fees	Commercial Search	0604704056	2	300.00
Clerk Fees	Municipal Search	0604704056	14	1,777.00
			Sub-Total:	\$2,077.00
Conservation	Conservation	A1255	1	1.38
			Sub-Total:	\$1.38
Dog Licensing	Female, Unspayed	A2544	1	16.00
Dog Licensing	Male, Neutered	A2544	1	11.00
			Sub-Total:	\$27.00
Marriage Transcript Fee	Marriage Transcript Fee	A1255	1	10.00
			Sub-Total:	\$10.00
Other Permits	Septic System Permit	B 2590	1	100.00
Other Unclassified Revenues	Short Term Rental	A2770	1	150.00
Permits - Other: Demo	Demolition	B2590	4	500.00
			Sub-Total:	\$750.00
Photocopies	Photocopies	B 5095	4	1.00
			Sub-Total:	\$1.00
Planning Board Fees	Subdivision App Fee (MINOR)	B 2115	1	50.00
			Sub-Total:	\$50.00
Registrar Fees	Registrar Fees	A1255	3	45.00
			Sub-Total:	\$45.00
Town Clerk Fees	Death Certificate/Copies	A 1255	8	80.00
			Sub-Total:	\$80.00

Total Local Shares Remitted: \$3,878.88

Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program 4.00

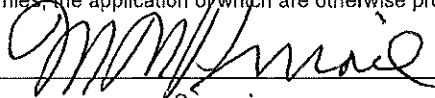
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation 23.62

Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$3,906.50

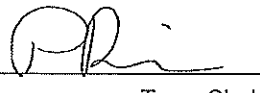
Total Non-Local Revenues: \$27.62

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Phyllis Dinkelacker, Town Clerk, Town of Athens during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.


Supervisor

8/12/24
Date


Town Clerk

8/1/24
Date

Notary Block:



	PRESENT	ABSENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Michael Pirrone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Brandow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anthony Paluch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Pine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tami Bone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I, Council member Becky Pine offer the following resolution, 2024-25, and move its adoption:

WHEREAS the Town of Athens agrees to submit a joint application, with the Village of Athens, to Greene County Administrator for ARPA funds.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED; The Town of Athens and the Village of Athens are requesting \$25,000.00 each (\$50,000.00 total) for the purpose of installing a basketball court, replace mulch around the playground equipment, replace borders with ADA compliant ramps, purchase ADA compliant picnic tables, purchase an ice machine and three (3) spring riders, At the Athens Green, Playscape.

FURTHER LET IT BE RESLOVED; that this joint venture with the Town of Athens and the Village of Athens will be completed by December 31, 2024. And upon completion all invoices pertaining to this project will be furnished to the County Administrator's office.

Seconded by Council member Tami Bone, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appear above.

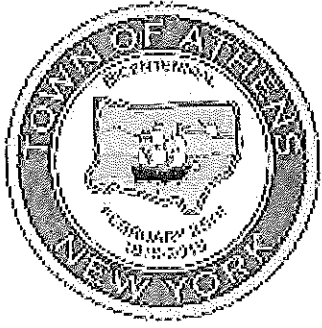
Approved as to form and adopted this,
5th day of August 2024.

ATTEST:

Phyllis Dinkelacker
Athens, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Michael N. Pirrone
Athens, Town Supervisor



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OFFICE of the SUPERVISOR

Michael N. Pirrone

July 30, 2024

Dear Mr. Groden, we are happy to report that the Town & Village Boards have agreed to a finalized joint plan for the use of the additional ARPA Funds available.

Our agreed upon projects stands as this,

- 1. J M Pro Courts & Surface Solutions. Basketball Court, new goal poles, baskets, backboards, resurfacing & painting of entire court. Estimate \$27,000**
- 2. Supreme Forest Products. A re-munching of the Playscape Play Equipment area. Estimate \$6,000. Equipment rental \$1,000.**
- 3. Replacement of Playscape Borders, with two (2) ADA Compliant Ramps. Estimate \$6,500.**
- 4. Additionally, two (2) ADA Compliant Picnic tables. Estimate \$ 3,500.**
- 5. Little League Concession Booth, Quench 980-90 Free standing Ice Machine with Water.
Estimate \$ 6,000.**
- 6. Spring Riders, playground equipment, new, three (3) units. Estimate \$ 3,000.**

We absolutely acknowledge that the cost elements are estimates currently, due to the difficulty of vendors seasonal business obligations. However, we will

fully document and present all invoices & payments receipts to your office for audit & reimbursement.

If we do have difficulty in obtaining some items, we plan to substitute any combination of ADA compliant picnic tables, entrance way ramps or Spring Rider playground equipment, to complete our project.

We wish to extend our deepest appreciation to you & the Legislature for giving us the opportunity to make some very meaningful improvement in our playscape area of Athens. If there is anything else, please let us know.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Pirrone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael N. Pirrone

Cc: A. Serrago, Mayor, Village of Athens.
M. Wynne, Clerk, Village of Athens.
Village Trustees, Village of Athens.
Tal Rappleyea, Village Attorney.
Phyllis Dinkelacker, Clerk, Town of Athens.
Council Member, Town of Athens.
George D. McHugh, Town Attorney.
Tal Rappleyea, Village Attorney.



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Planned Scope of Town & Village Joint Project

ARPA FUNDS-County Additional Funds: Deputy Supervisor Lasher to report.

Our plans include a renovation of the Village Playscape Park & an Ice maker for the Little League Field.

An area of approximately .6 acres, 26136 square feet, 162 feet by 162 feet. The park has a basketball court, playground equipment, picnic tables, a pole Barn shade space, playground border, munch base.

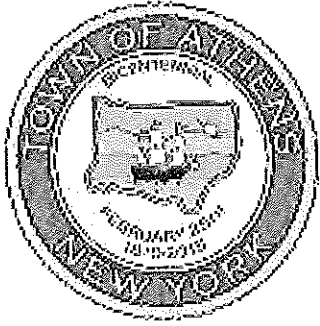
The Little League Field needs a new ice maker.

July 15, 2024, Town Board Meeting.

- Town Action: To Authorize Town & Village Joint Project for Greene County additional ARPA funding of a total of \$50,000. that upgrades to the playground/basketball courts at the Village Playscape Park were the most doable with the budget and time constraints.**

Motion By Anthony Paluch 2nd By Rebecca Pine AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED: Mary Brandow – Absent



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Enclosures

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JM Pro Courts & Surface Solutions

Supreme Forest Products

Playground Borders

Park Warehouse Picnic Tables

Quench Ice Machine

Spring Riders

Equipment Rental Estimate