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Town of Athens, NY & Town Council Meeting

Municipal Building, 2 First Street

Michael N. Pirrone, Supervisor, Presiding.

Agenda, MONDAY, December 2, 2024 @ 6:00pm

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

- **PLEDGE of ALLEGIENCE.**

Town & Village Joint Venture of both owning the Municipal Building. Here are some highlights of the ongoing discussions:

1. Both the Town Board & Village Board members will now need to decide best to proceed.
2. The Village & Town shall own the real property, which is the current Village Hall/Town Hall, jointly on an equal basis.
3. Once the Village Board & Town Board members have a concept, a written agreement shall be drafted by independent counsel Christine Chale, which will detail, among several other things, the operations & maintenance costs for each municipality.
4. SEQRA shall be completed prior to transfer of ownership to Village & Town.
5. Once the transfer of ownership has been completed, the Town & Village shall engage Lamont Engineering to begin the planning & design process. Meanwhile, the Village & Town shall share in the costs of Operations & Maintenance consistent with the prorations currently in the lease agreement, & the new Agreement to be drafted.
6. The overarching sentiment of the meeting attendees was that the Village would bear the costs of the renovations to the space they plan to occupy. The Town would bear the costs of the renovations to the space they plan to occupy. And the Village and Town would bear the costs equally for any common spaces that they may both use & occupy. Additionally, the group appreciates that these are broad strokes, & that many details and decisions will need to be made as we navigate this process. However, if both the Village Board & Town Board agree in concept with joint ownership of the property & a fair proration of the expenses that will be incurred to satisfy the needs of both municipalities, the details will fall into place as the planning process proceeds.

- **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 November 7, 2024. Minutes Attached.**
 Motion By _____ 2nd By _____ AIF
 EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

- **TOWN CLERK’S REPORT: To Accept Town Clerk Report for the month of November. Attached.**
 Motion By _____ 2nd 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 All the appellate briefs have been filed with the Appellate Division Scheduled for oral arguments in November 2024.
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. **Peckham, Schoharie Turnpike odor issues. Town & residents have been in touch with Plant Manager. Waiting for cleaning of air filters, etc.**
- B. **Greene County Ambulance Review Study Meeting #3, December 11 @ 6:00 pm. Location to be determined.**

Town Council Concerns:

Public Concerns:

Community Information:

- 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.
- Dec. 24: Town Office Closed in the Afternoon.
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day Holiday. Town Offices Closed All Day.
- Dec. 31: Town Offices Closed in the Afternoon.
- Jan. 1: New Years Holiday. Town Offices Closed all Day.
- Jan 6: Town Board Meeting. Yearly Organizational Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Jan. 8: Zoning Board of Appeal Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Jan. 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Town Offices Closed All Day.
- Jan. 21: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Jan. 23: Town Planning Board Meeting. Municipal Building.

Town Action: Move to Adjourn,

Motion By

2nd By

AIF