

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD

January 6, 2025

The regular/organizational meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on January 6, 2025, by Supervisor Michael Pirrone at 6:00pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting was held at the Athens Municipal Building, 2 First St., Athens, NY

The following Town Board members were in attendance: Supervisor Michael Pirrone, Town Board members Tami Bone, Mary Brandow, Tony Paluch and Becky Pine

The following Town Officers and Appointees were in attendance: Town Clerk Phyllis Dinkelacker, Deputy Supervisor Gail Lasher, and Town Attorney George McHugh.

The following people were in attendance: Shawn Ness, Robert Brunner, and George Greiner

A motion made by Pirrone and seconded by Brandow at 6:01pm, to into executive session, to discuss Legal matters.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

A motion was made by Paluch and seconded by Bone, at 7:10pm, to come out of executive session and reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

A motion was made by Pirrone and seconded by Brandow to have Supervisor Pirrone sign a letter of engagement with counsel John Dowd , Dreyer Boyajian LLP to petition to motion to be able to file an appeal against NYS and FreePoint solar.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

Adam Yagelski discussed with the board the new draft proposed law for Wireless communications and B.E.S.S.

Board member Pine will follow up with telecommunications.
Town Attorney George McHugh will take the lead on B.E.S.S. follow-up.

VOUCHERS

The following bills were audited by the Board and ordered paid.

<u>General 2024 Abstract # 25</u>	Vouchers	546 – 565	\$38,508.17
<u>General 2024 Abstract # 26</u>	Vouchers	566 – 572	\$ 1,429.35
<u>Highway 2024 Abstract # 26</u>	Vouchers	182 – 192	\$ 3,866.86
<u>T&C Playground abstract # 5</u>	Voucher	5	\$ 169.98

The minutes from: December 16, 2024, were distributed to the Town board and motion by Pine and seconded by Bone to accept the minutes.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk's report for the month of December 2024 was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Brandow and seconded by Bone to accept the Clerk's report.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

TOWN BOARD YEARLY RESOLUTIONS Numbers 2025-1 to 2025-15.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-1 for the Adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Town of Athens Board Meeting for 2025. Rules of Procedure Attached.
Motion By Pine 2nd By Paluch.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-2 for the Adoption of Salary Schedule for 2025, as presented in the Adopted 2025 Budget. Schedule Attached.
Motion By Bone 2nd By Paluch

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-3 for the Authorizing Highway Superintendent the Ability to Expend the Necessary Funds for the Purchase of Small Tools and Parts Without Prior Board Approval Per Town of Athens Resolution # 2021-42, dated August 2, 2021.
Motion By Paluch 2nd By Brandow

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-4 for the Adoption of Mileage Reimbursement Rate of \$.70 per IRS Rules for use of employee own vehicles on Town business.
Motion By Pine 2nd By Bone

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-5 for the Authorization of Petty Cash Funds in the amount of \$ 100 each for: Town Justice Pazin, Town Justice Cole, Town Highway Superintendent Farrell, and Town Clerk Dinkelacker.
Motion By Paluch 2nd By Pine

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-6 for the Authorization of a Cash Draw of \$ 100 for Town Clerk Office and a Cash Draw of \$ 125 for Tax Collector Office.
Motion By Brandow 2nd By Bone

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-7 for the Adoption of Town of Athens Meeting Dates as follows: the first and third Monday of every Month, beginning at 6:00 pm. Exception # 1, when a Holiday is Monday, the meeting will be on Wednesday. Exception # 2, November's first meeting will be held on the first Thursday following the General Election.
Motion By Brandow 2nd By Bone

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-8 for the Designation of the National Bank of Coxsackie as the Official Depository.
Motion By Pine 2nd By Bone

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-9 for the Designation of the Daily Mail as the Official Newspaper.

Motion By Paluch 2nd By Bone

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-10 for Establishing March 3, 2025, as the date of Audit for the Judicial Office Record of Accounts and the Town Clerk Officers Record of Accounts.

Motion By Brandow 2nd By Bone

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-11 for Designating Phyllis Dinkelacker as Registrar and Christina Martinez as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, respectively.

Motion By Paluch 2nd By Pine.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-12 for the Adoption of a Sixty-Day Extension to send the Annual Financial Report to the State Comptroller, if necessary.

Motion By Brandow 2nd By Bone.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-13 To Designate RBT, LLP., CPA's. as the Town of Athens Certified Public Accounting Firm.

Motion By Pine 2nd By Brandow.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-14 To Adopt the Established and Amended Employee Handbook for the 2025 Year.

Motion By Pine 2nd By Paluch.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

- Town Action: Resolution #2025-15 Designating Supervisor Pirrone as Delegate & Council Member to be Named as Alternate Delegate to the Annual Association of Towns Training School and Meeting Scheduled for February 16 to 19, 2025.

Motion By Paluch 2nd By Pine.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

TOWN SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENTS. One Year Term.

Appoint Gail Lasher as Deputy Town Supervisor.

Appoint Joanne Kratz as Town Bookkeeper.

Motion by Paluch and seconded by Bone to accept the Town Supervisors' appointee.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

TOWN CLERK APPOINTMENT. One Year Term.

Appoint Christina Martinez as Deputy Town Clerk.

Motion by Pine and seconded by Paluch accept the Town Clerks appointee.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

TOWN BOARD APPOINTMENTS. One Year Term.

1. Designation & authorization of bank signatories as follows for the Town of Athens: Michael N. Pirrone, Supervisor, Gail Lasher, Deputy Supervisor and Rebecca Pine, Councilperson. (Formal Resolution attached.)

Motion by Pine and seconded by Brandow.
Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

TOWN BOARD APPOINTMENTS, Numbers 1 to 12. One Year Term.

1. Appoint Phyllis A. Dinkelacker as Town of Athens Tax Collector and Christina Martinez as Town of Athens Deputy Tax Collector.

Motion By Paluch 2nd By Pine.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

2. Appoint Albert Gasparini as Town of Athens Code Enforcement Officer.

Motion By Pine 2nd By Bone.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

3. Appoint Albert Gasparini as Town of Athens Dog Damage Officer.

Motion By Bone 2nd By Pine.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

4. Appoint Michael N. Pirrone as Town of Athens Consolidated Health Chairperson.

Motion By Pine 2nd By Bone.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

5. Appoint Albert Gasparini as Town of Athens Consolidated Health Secretary

Motion By Pine 2nd By Paluch

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

6. Appoint Dr. Stephen G. Hassett as Town of Athens Consolidated Health Officer.

Motion By Paluch 2nd By Brandow.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

7. Appoint Mayor Amy Serrago as Town of Athens Consolidated Health Member.

Motion By Pine 2nd By Bone.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

8. Appoint Marcia Puorro as Town of Athens Senior Court Clerk.

Motion By Pine 2nd By Brandow.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

9. Appoint Sarah Dunlap as Town of Athens Historian.

Motion By Paluch 2nd By Brandow.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

10. Appoint Sherry Vieta as Town of Athens Dog Control Officer.

Motion By Pine 2nd By Bone.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

11. Appoint Kathy Sprague as Town of Athens Assessor's Clerk.

Motion By Brandow 2nd By Paluch

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

12. Appoint Margaret Pieruzzi as Town of Athens Code Enforcement Clerk.

Motion By Brandow 2nd By Bone.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

TOWN BOARD APPOINTMENTS Numbers 1 to 9, PLANNING, ZONING, BOARD of ASSESMENT

REVIEW. For Term So Stated or One Year.

1. Resignation: The Town of Athens accepts the Resignation of Scott Fischer as Town of Athens Planning Board Chairperson and Committee Member, effective December 31, 2024.

Motion By Brandow 2nd By Bone

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

2. Appoint Scott Fischer as Town of Athens Interim Planning Board Member, for the term of January 1, 2025, to February 28, 2025.

Motion By Paluch 2nd By Brandow.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

3. Appoint Scott Fischer, Town of Athens Interim Planning Board Chairperson, for the term of January 1, 2025, to February 28, 2025.

Motion By Bone 2nd By Pine.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

4. Appoint Barbara Trembacz as Town of Athens Planning Board Member, for the term of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2031.

Motion By Pine 2nd By Brandow.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

5. Appoint Gail Stacey as Town of Athens Planning Board Secretary.

Motion By Bone 2nd By Paluch.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

6. Appoint Eric Nelson as Town of Athens Zoning Board of Appeals Member for the Term of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2029.

Motion By Paluch 2nd By Pine.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

7. Appoint Eric Nelson as Town of Athens Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson.

Motion By Pine 2nd By Brandow.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

8. Appoint Jeanne Oliveria as Town of Athens Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary.

Motion By Pine 2nd By Paluch.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

9. Appoint Gail Stacey as Town of Athens Board of Assessment Review Secretary.

Motion By Paluch 2nd By Brandow.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

TOWN BOARD APPOINTMENT, ASSESSOR. Six Year Term, October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2031. Town Assessor DeRose has expressed her desire to remain with the Town during her next re-appointment term.

Appoint Dawn DeRose as Town of Athens Sole Assessor for the Six Year Term, October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2031.

Motion By Pirrone 2nd By Pine.

Motion carried. Yes – 3, Pirrone, Bone, and Pine. No – 0, Abstain – 2, Brandow and Paluch.

TOWN BOARD APPOINTMENTS, COMMITTEES LIASONS: One Year Term.

COMMITTEE	LIAISON	
Assessor	Mary Brandow	Michael Pirrone
Code Enforcement	Tami Bone	Becky Pine
Collective Bargaining	Joanne Kratz	Michael Pirrone
Court	Mary Brandow	Becky Pine
EMS/ALS/Ambulances	Mark Dinkelacker	Joanne Kratz
Employees Liaison	Tami Bone	Mary Brandow
Employees Handbook	Joanne Kratz	Michael Pirrone
Fire Dept Contracts	Michael Pirrone	Gail Lasher
Highway	Becky Pine	Michael Pirrone
Insurance, General	Joanne Kratz	Becky Pine
Joint Landfills, Towns	Mary Brandow	Becky Pine
Medical Health, Insurance	Joanne Kratz	Michael Pirrone
Planning Board	Becky Pine	Michael Pirrone
Reserve Funds	Mary Brandow	Tami Bone
Special Projects	Gail Lasher	Michael Pirrone
Town/Village	Gail Lasher	Michael Pirrone
Zoning Board	Tami Bone	Michael Pirrone

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. State of New York, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, Decided and Entered December 19, 2024, CV-24-0711 "OPINION AND ORDER". The Town of Athens Zoning Board of Appeals is directed to grant petitioners' application for a use variance.
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. Town Attorney McHugh-Town Board legal update & explanations.

Supervisor Report: General Items

- A. Peckham, Schoharie Turnpike odor issues. The Supervisor continues to aid in the resolution of this issue, accurately identify any & all potential causes. The last report of orders was on December 23, 2024. Peckham managers responded with some information, keeping us in the loop. Constructive conversations, questions & answers are always welcomed.
- B. Greene County Ambulance Review Study Meeting #4, January 8, @ 6:00 pm has been cancelled. Next Total Group Meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2025.
- C. Re-Appointment Town Assessor. Town Assessor DeRose has expressed her desire to remain with the Town during her next re-appointment term. In conversation with Mrs. DeRose & guidance with the Town Attorney the Supervisor recommends the Town considering his thoughts & justifications. Assessor DeRose is open to questions from the Town Council.
- D. Building Fees, last time updated, June 7, 2021. Waiting for any feedback.

New Business:

Town Action: To Authorize the Supervisor Pirrone to sign the 2025 Engagement Letter with RBT, Certified Public Accountants for the services that they will provide to perform for the Town of Athens with respect to the Tax Collector Compliance with the accounting and recordkeeping as described in the Local Government Management Guide, Fiscal Oversight.

Motion By Pine and 2nd By Bone.

Motion carried. Yes – 5, Pirrone, Bone, Brandow Paluch and Pine. No – 0.

Old Business Issues:

Council Member Pine & Code Enforcement Officer Gasparini have prepared a draft of proposed Building Department Permit & Fees revisions for consideration by the Council.

- Board member Pine suggests that there be a workshop/meeting to go over the permits and fees. Wednesday 1/8/25 at 6pm.

Town Council Concerns:

- Board member Brandow asked for a copy of the 2025 adopted budget. The clerk will get a copy to each board member.

Public Concerns: NONE

Community Information:

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.
Feb. 3: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
Feb. 12: Zoning Board of Appeal Meeting. Municipal Building.
Feb. 17: Presidents Day. Town Offices Closed All Day.
Feb. 18: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
Feb. 27: Town Planning Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
Mar. 3: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
Mar. 12: Zoning Board of Appeal Meeting. Municipal Building.
Mar. 17: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
Mar. 27: Town Planning Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
Apr. 7: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building

Being no other business to come before the Board.

A Motion was made by Brandow and second by Paluch to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm.

Motion passed. Ayes – 5, No's – 0.

Respectfully submitted.

Phyllis Dinkelacker
Athens Town Clerk

Town of Athens, NY & Town Council Meeting
Municipal Building, 2 First Street
Michael N. Pirrone, Supervisor, Presiding.
Agenda, MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 @ 6:00pm
Please Sign In, No Sign in-Not Included in Minutes.

- **PLEDGE of ALLEGIENCE.**

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION: Discussion of the Town Council Members concerning the “OPINION AND ORDER” from the State of New York, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, CV-24-0711, December 19, 2024. The Town of Athens Zoning Board of Appeals is directed to grant petitioners’ application for a use variance. The Supervisor is seeking Consensus from the Town Council on their opinions, questions and suggestions on the Town’s next course of action, if any.

Motion By _____ 2nd By _____ AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION: Discussion of the Town Council Members concerning “Wireless Telecommunications Facilities” and “Battery Energy Storage Systems” anticipate next course of actions by the Town Council.
Wireless Telecommunication Facility:

Motion By _____ 2nd By _____ AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:
Battery Energy Storage Systems:

Motion By _____ 2nd By _____ AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

- **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 December 16, 2024. Minutes Attached.

Motion By _____ 2nd By _____ AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

- **TOWN CLERK’S REPORT:** To Accept Town Clerk Report for the month of December. Report Attached.

Motion By _____ 2nd By _____ AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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1. Appoint Gail Lasher as Deputy Town Supervisor.
2. Appoint Joanne Kratz as Town Bookkeeper.

TOWN CLERK APPOINTMENT. One Year Term.

1. Appoint Christina Martinez as Deputy Town Clerk.

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1. Designation & authorization of bank signatories as follows for the Town of Athens: Michael N. Pirrone, Supervisor, Gail Lasher, Deputy Supervisor and Rebecca Pine, Councilperson.

Formal Resolution attached.

Motion By 2nd By AIF

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Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

3. Appoint Albert Gasparini as Town of Athens Dog Damage Officer.

Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

4. Appoint Michael N. Pirrone as Town of Athens Consolidated Health Chairperson.
Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

6. Appoint Dr. Stephen G. Hassett as Town of Athens Consolidated Health Officer.
Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

7. Appoint Mayor Amy Serrago as Town of Athens Consolidated Health Member.
Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF
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Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTION NOTED:

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Motion By 2nd By AIF

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Motion By 2nd By AIF

EXCEPTIONS NOTED:

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COMMITTEE	NAME	NAME
ASSESSOR	M. BRANDOW	M. PIRRONE
CODE ENFORCEMENT	TAMI BONE	BECKY PINE
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING	JOANNE KRATZ	M. PIRRONE
TOWN COURT	M. BRANDOW	BECKY PINE
EMS/ALS AMBULANCES	M DINKELACKER	JOANNE KRATZ
EMPLOYEES LIASON	TAMI BONE	M. BRANDOW
FIRE DEPT. CONTRACTS	GAIL LASHER	M. PIRRONE
HANDBOOK EMPLOYEE	JOANNE KRATZ	M. PIRRONE

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE	BECKY PINE	M. PIRRONE
INSURANCE GENERAL	JOANNE KRATZ	BECKY PINE
LANDFILL JOINT TOWNS	M. BRANDOW	BECKY PINE
MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE	JOANNE KRATZ	M. PIRRONE
PLANNING BOARD	BECKY PINE	M. PIRRONE
RESERVE FUNDS	M. BRANDOW	TAMI BONE
SPECIAL PROJECTS	GAIL LASHER	M. PIRRONE
VILLAGE/TOWN	GAIL LASHER	M. PIRRONE
ZONING BOARD	TAMI BONE	M. PIRRONE

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- D. Building Fees, last time updated, June 7, 2021. Waiting for any feedback.

New Business:

- Town Action:
Motion By 2nd By AIF
EXCEPTION NOTED:
- Town Action:

Account Description	Fee Description	Account#	Qty	Local Share
Building Permits	Building Permit	B 2590	2	125.00
Building Permits	Building Permit	B2555	1	33.60
			Sub-Total:	\$158.60
Certificate Of Compliance	Certificate Of Compliance	B2770	1	75.00
			Sub-Total:	\$75.00
Conservation	Conservation	A1255	4	8.42
			Sub-Total:	\$8.42
Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	A2544	4	44.00
Dog Licensing	Male, Neutered	A2544	5	55.00
Dog Licensing	Male, Unneutered	A2544	1	16.00
Dog Licensing	Replacement Tags	A2544	2	6.00
			Sub-Total:	\$121.00
Junkyard License	Junkyard License	B2545	3	45.00
			Sub-Total:	\$45.00
Misc Clerk Fees	Photocopies	A2770	5	1.25
			Sub-Total:	\$1.25
Misc Code	Commercial Search	B2770	1	150.00
Misc Code Fees	Municipal Search	B2770	3	300.00
Town Clerk/Registrare Fees	Death Certificate/Copies	A1255	10	100.00
			Sub-Total:	\$550.00

Total Local Shares Remitted: \$959.27

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

12.00

Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation

756.58

Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$1,727.85

Total Non-Local Revenues: \$768.58

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, Rhylis 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

Date

Town Clerk

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Daily Cash Report

December 01, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Date	Cash Category	Fee Description	Name	ID # / Misc	User ID	Rcpt #	Qty	Pmnt Method	Amount	Total Amount
12/03/24	Permits	Building Permit	Llc, Athens Real Estate	BP24-5 / BP24-5	TMART	4848	1	CASH	\$25.00	\$25.00
12/06/24	Dog Licenses (Renewal)	Male, Neutered	Gayle, Michael C.	00414 / 00414	PDINK	4850	1	CK #2659	\$12.00	\$12.00
	Permits	Building Permit	Polach, Steven	BP24-51 / BP24-51	PDINK	4851	1	CASH	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total for: 12/03/2024 \$25.00										
12/09/24	Conservation	Conservation	DECALS	12/9/2024 /	PDINK	4882	1	CASH	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Conservation	DECALS	12/9/2024 /	PDINK	4883	1	CASH	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Conservation	DECALS	12/9/2024 /	PDINK	4884	1	CASH	\$765.00	\$765.00
		Conservation	DECALS	12/9/2024 /	PDINK	4885	1	CASH	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total for: 12/06/2024 \$112.00										
12/10/24	Dog Licenses (Renewal)	Female, Spayed	Adelman, Nora	00307 / 00307	PDINK	4853	1	CK #2018	\$12.00	\$12.00
12/11/24	Permits	Building Permit	Pagano, Caroline & Lucas	BP24-45 / BP24-45	TMART	4854	1	CK #1110	\$33.60	\$33.60
Total for: 12/10/2024 \$12.00										
12/12/24	Misc Code	Commercial Search	Llc, Nymd Green Lake	CS1-12/12 / CS1-12/12	TMART	4855	1	CK #073026	\$150.00	\$150.00
	Misc Code Fees	Municipal Search	Llc, Nymd Green Lake	MS1-12/12 / MS1-12/12	TMART	4856	1	CK #073027	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total for: 12/11/2024 \$33.60										
12/17/24	Dog Licenses (Renewal)	Male, Neutered	Thornton, Alysha	00445 / 00445	PDINK	4859	1	CASH	\$12.00	\$12.00
12/18/24	Misc Clerk Fees	Photocopies	Wireless, Verizon	2024 5c / 2024 5c	PDINK	4880	5	CASH	\$1.25	\$1.25
	Misc Code	Certificate Of Compliance		COC-12/18 / COC-12/18	TMART	4860	1	CK #1107	\$75.00	\$75.00
Total for: 12/12/2024 \$250.00										
12/19/24	Dog Licenses (Original)	Female, Spayed	Skewes, James & Denise	448 / 448	TMART	4870	1	CK #NOTE	\$12.00	\$12.00
	Dog Licenses (Renewal)	Female, Spayed	Skewes, James & Denise	449 / 449	TMART	4871	1	CK #NOTE	\$19.00	\$19.00
		Female, Spayed	Cattieu, Susan	00361 / 00361	PDINK	4861	1	CK #356	\$12.00	\$12.00
Total for: 12/17/2024 \$76.25										

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		Male, Neutered	Cattieu, Susan	360 / 360	PDINK	4862	1	CK #356	\$12.00	\$12.00
		Male, Neutered	Rabideau, Rick & Anne	415 / 415	PDINK	4863	1	CK #1225	\$12.00	\$12.00
		Male, Neutered	Skewes, James & Denise	00326 / 00326	TMART	4866	1	CK #NOTE	\$12.00	\$12.00
		Female, Spayed	Skewes, James W.	00353 / 00353	TMART	4868	1	CK #NOTE	\$12.00	\$12.00
	Dog Licenses (Rep Tags)	Replacement Tags	Skewes, James & Denise	446 / 446	TMART	4867	1	CK #NOTE	\$3.00	\$3.00
		Replacement Tags	Skewes, James W.	00447 / 00447	TMART	4869	1	CK #NOTE	\$3.00	\$3.00
Total for: 12/19/2024									\$97.00	\$97.00
12/23/24	Gen Lic.	Junkyard License	B & B Garage	001-2025 / 001-2025	TMART	4877	1	CK #49010	\$15.00	\$15.00
Total for: 12/23/2024									\$100.00	\$100.00
12/24/24	Town Clerk/Registrar Fees	Death Certificate/Copies	Edwards-dowdle, Funeral Home	DC13-12/24 / DC13-12/24	TMART	4873	10	CK #1631	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total for: 12/24/2024									\$100.00	\$100.00
12/26/24	Misc Code Fees	Municipal Search	Dunkle, Earl	MS1-12/26 / MS1-12/26	TMART	4874	1	CK #25604	\$100.00	\$100.00
		Municipal Search	Livingston, John	MS2-12/26 / MS2-12/26	TMART	4875	1	CK #073001	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total for: 12/26/2024									\$200.00	\$200.00
12/27/24	Gen Lic.	Junkyard License	Fischer, Scott	002-2025 / 002-2025	PDINK	4876	1	CASH	\$15.00 A	\$15.00
		Junkyard License	Rexford, Kayla	003-2025 / 003-2025	PDINK	4878	1	CASH	\$15.00	\$15.00
Total for: 12/27/2024									\$30.00	\$30.00

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At a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Athens, at 2 First Street, Athens, New York, on January 6, 2025 there were:

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

I, Council member Becky Pine, offer the following resolution, Number 2025-16, and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens Board hereby determines that it is in the best public interest and purpose to authorize annual Bank Signatories for the year 2025;

WHEREAS, Town Designation & authorization of bank signatories are as follows for the Town of Athens: Michael N. Pirrone, Supervisor, Gail Lasher, Deputy Supervisor and Rebecca Pine, Councilperson.

WHEREAS, the bank signers will be authorized to sign all operational vouchers (minimum of three for vouchers) and all operational checks/payments (minimum of one), all bank investments (by the Town Supervisor, as CEO & CFO, Section 52 of NYS Town Law) that are currently held at the National Bank of Coxsackie, Athens, NY, and

WHEREAS, the list of authorized banks signatories for 2025 will be comprised as follows: Michael N. Pirrone, Town Supervisor, (CEO & CFO), Gail Lasher, Deputy Supervisor, Rebecca Pine, Town Councilperson.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Athens does hereby appoint Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone, Deputy Supervisor Gail Lasher and Town Councilperson Rebecca Pine as signatories for the national Bank of Coxsackie.

This appointment shall take effect on January 6, 2025.

Second, by Council member Mary Brandow, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appears above.

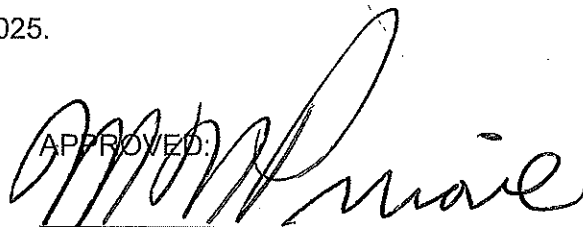
Approved as to form and adopt this, 6th day of January 2025.

ATTEST:



Phyllis Dinkelacker
Athens, Town Clerk

APPROVED:



Michael N. Pirrone
Athens, Town Supervisor

**At a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of
Athens, at 2 First Street, Athens, New York,
on January 6, 2025 there were:**

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Michael Pirrone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Seconded by Council member _____, offered for discussion and duly put to a vote, the results of which appears above.

Approved as to form and adopt this, 6th day of January 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Phyllis Dinkelacker
Athens, Town Clerk

Michael N. Pirrone
Athens, Town Supervisor

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I, Council member _____ offer the following resolution, Number 2025-_____, and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Athens _____ Sole Assessor Dawn DeRose term is set to expire on September 30, 2025: and

WHEREAS, Town Assessor DeRose has expressed her desire to remain with the Town during her next re-appointment term. In conversation with Mrs. DeRose & guidance with the Town Attorney the Supervisor recommends the Town Council consider his thoughts & justifications.

WHEREAS, Mrs. DeRose is not seeking an unreasonable salary increase, appreciates the Town's amicable workplace environment & wishes to avoid the temptations of any poaching possibilities.

WHEREAS, The Assessor's Office is well run, organized & efficient. Being able to maintain the continuation of the vast improvements already accomplished. There have been an "indistinguishable" number of complaints, issues & concerns.

WHEREAS, Assessor DeRose is open to any questions from the Town Council.

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined Mrs. DeRose's services to be of value to the town.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Athens does hereby reappoint Dawn M. DeRose to fulfill the term as the Town of Athens Assessor to expire September 30, 2031.

This appointment shall take effect on October 1, 2025. The annual salary shall be \$ 30,750. including whatever yearly adjustment for the cost of living, as deemed by the Town.

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

Approved as to form and adopt this,
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