

## REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD

August 18, 2025

The regular/organizational meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on August 18, 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 Riverfront Senior Center 39 Second S., Athens, NY

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

**The following Town Officers and Appointees were in attendance:** Town Clerk Phyllis Dinkelacker, Deputy Supervisor Gail Lasher, Town Attorney George McHugh, Highway Superintendent John J Farrell, and Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini.

**The following people were in attendance**(signed in): Michele Tarsa and Susan Brady.

A motion was made by Supervisor Pirrone and seconded by Karen Haad to adjourn the meeting, at 6:01pm, to confer with the Town Attorney for legal matters.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 5(Bone, Haas, Paluch, Pine, and Pirrone), No's – 0.

A motion was made by Supervisor Pirrone and seconded by Tami Bone to reconvene the meeting, at 6:13pm.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 5(Bone, Haas, Paluch, Pine, and Pirrone), No's – 0.

The tentative meeting with Peckham Industries has been postponed to Sept 3, 2025.

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:** The Minutes from the July 21, 2025 meeting were distributed to the Town Board. There was no meeting on July 7, 2025.

A motion was made by Pine and seconded by Bone to accept July 21, 2025 minutes.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 5(Bone, Haas, Paluch, Pine, and Pirrone), No's – 0.

### **VOUCHERS**

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

<b><u>General 2025 Abstract #15</u></b>	Vouchers	320 - 338	\$18,059.96
<b><u>Highway 2025 Abstract #15</u></b>	Vouchers	112 – 120	\$10,311.62
<b><u>T&amp;C 2% Fure Districts #01</u></b>	Vouchers	1 – 3	\$ 4,321.93

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** A motion was made by Pine and seconded by Bone to accept the Town Clerk's report for June.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 5(Bone, Haas, Paluch, Pine, and Pirrone), No's – 0.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – John J Farrell** see attached.

A Motion was made by Pine and seconded by Bone To surplus and put up for auction the 1992 Ford L8000 and 1976 10 foot Burch stone spreader.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 5(Bone, Haas, Paluch, Pine, and Pirrone), No's – 0.

**ASSESSOR** – Ms. Dawn DeRose. see attached.

Assessor is not up to date with the Village permits.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** – Albert Gasparini. see attached.

**TOWN SUPERVISOR** – Supervisor's report, see attached.

### **Supervisor Report: Legal Items**

July 18, 2025, Teleport Communications Group, Inc. v. The Assessor of the Town of Athens, et al. Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Greene-Index No.: EF2025-660. Notice of Petition Under Article 7 of The Real Property Tax Law of New York State for Review of Tax Assessments. 2025 Assessment Roll Taxes for the Year 2025/2026. Tax Map IDs: 622.89-0000-744.790-1881, 622.089-0000-744.790-1882, 622.0890000-744.790-1883.

### **Supervisor Report: General Items**

- Peckham, Schoharie Turnpike odor issues. The Supervisor continues to aid in the resolution of this issue, initiating on August 14, 2023, and continuing onto the present day. Coordinating a Business Meeting with Peckham Team & Town Council, on a tentative date of Wednesday September 3, 2025, 6:00 pm.
- Mountaintop Supervisors & Mayors Meeting, August 25, Town of Hunter.
- Greene County Ambulance Review Study Meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, 2025.
- NYSDOT, Region One, Culvert Project, Route 385, Corlaer Kill, 2026 year

### **New Business:**

-Appoint Ellen Roth, TOA resident, recommended by Michael Pirrone, to the Town of Athens Community Foundation as Advisory Board Member September 27, 2025, to December 31, 2027.

Motion By Pirrone 2<sup>nd</sup> By Haas.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 5(Bone, Haas, Paluch, Pine, and Pirrone), No's – 0.

-A motion by Pirrone and seconded by Pine to change the meeting to be held on September 3, 2025, to Athens Rivertown senior Center.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 5(Bone, Haas, Paluch, Pine, and Pirrone), No's – 0.

-MJ will be inspecting the Athens Rivertown Senior Center on Monday August 25, 2025.

- Discussion and review of proposed Local Law for Battery Energy Storage Systems. Will put on hold onto the next meeting. It was suggested that we have John Dowd look at the local law before the public hearing is scheduled.

### **Old Business:**

Discussion on doing a noise ordinance.

Town Attorney will reach out to the Association of Towns and ask them for noise ordinances that other Towns are using.

Discussion on doing moratorium on Data Storage until we have a code.  
Town Attorney McHugh will draft a Local Law for the moratorium.

The moratorium for the Battery Energy Storage systems should be extended. Will follow up at the next meeting.

**Town Council Concerns:**

Board Member Becky Pine asked if there has been anything regarding the lift? The courts may lose the grant if nothing is done by October.  
Supervisor Pirrone said he will follow-up on it.

**Public Concerns:**

Resident Susan Brady asked where on Rt 385 is the Culvert work going to be done?  
It will be the area of the transfer station.

**Community Information:** All Dates Subjected to Change.

Aug 25: Mountaintop Supervisors & Mayors, Town of Hunter.  
Aug 28: Town Planning Board Meeting. Municipal Building.  
Sep 1: Labor Day. Town Office Closed.  
Sep 3: **Wednesday**, Peckham Industries Business Meeting.  
Athens Rivertown Senior Center, 39 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Athens.  
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Athens Rivertown Senior Center, 39 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Athens.  
Sep 6: YMCA Triathlon Event.  
Sep 9 to Sep 22: Supervisor Pirrone Out of Town.  
Sep 10: Zoning Board of Appeal Meeting. Municipal Building.  
Sep 10: Greene County EMS. Cairo, NY.  
Sep 15: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.  
Sep 22: Mountaintop Supervisors & Mayors, Town of Lexington.  
Sep 25: Town Planning Board Meeting. Municipal Building.  
Oct 6: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.  
Oct 8: Zoning Board of Appeal Meeting. Municipal Building.  
Oct 8: Greene County EMS.  
Oct 13: Columbus Day. Town Office Closed.  
Oct 20: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.  
Oct 23: Town Planning Board Meeting. Municipal Building.  
Oct 27: Mountaintop Supervisors & Mayors, Town of Prattsville.  
Nov 4: Election Day.  
Nov 24: Mountaintop Supervisors & Mayors, Town of Ashland

There being no other business to come before the Board.

**A motion was made** by Bone and second by Paluch to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Motion carried, Aye's – 5 (Bone, Haas, Paluch, Pine, and Pirrone), No's – 0.

Respectfully submitted.

Phyllis Dinkelacker  
Town Clerk