

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD

September 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on September 15, 2025, by Deputy Supervisor Gail Lasher 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: Town Board members Tami Bone, Karen Haas, and Becky Pine. Absent Supervisor Michael Pirrone and Town Board member Tony Paluch.

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

The following people were in attendance(signed in): Michael Campbell

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: The Minutes from the Aug 18, 2025 and Sept 3, 2025 meetings were distributed to the Town Board.

A motion to accept the Aug 18th meeting minutes, correcting the spelling of moratorium, was made by Bone and seconded by Pine.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 4(Bone, Haas, Pine, and Lasher), No's – 0, Absent – 2(Paluch and Pirrone).

A motion to accept the Sep 3rd meeting minutes was made by Pine and seconded by Bone. Motion Carried: Ayes – 4(Bone, Haas, Pine, and Lasher), No's – 0, Absent – 2(Paluch and Pirrone).

VOUCHERS

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

<u>General 2025 Abstract #17</u>	Vouchers	367 – 380	\$ 6,146.67
<u>Highway 2025 Abstract #17</u>	Vouchers	127 – 138	\$13,661.97

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – John J Farrell see attached.

Tentative Fall clean up day will be 10/25.

A motion was made by Pine and seconded by Haas to accept the bid of \$13,600.00 for the 1992 Ford truck.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 4(Bone, Haas, Pine, and Lasher), No's – 0, Absent – 2(Paluch and Pirrone).

A motion was made by Haas and seconded by Bone to counter the auction bid for the Stone spreader. \$115.00 was offered counteroffer will be \$500.00.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 4(Bone, Haas, Pine, and Lasher), No's – 0, Absent – 2(Paluch and Pirrone).

ASSESSOR – Ms. Dawn DeRose. see attached.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Albert Gasparini. see attached.

CEO Gasparini also reported that 37 Boondock Ln. Did get a permit do current work but will need to get another permit for the Deck.

Board member Pine asked about the difference in numbers for building permits between the Assessors office and Code enforcement office.

CEO will look into the differences.

TOWN SUPERVISOR – Supervisor's report, see attached.

The Check for Aid and Incentive for municipalities (AIM) received \$19,876.00.

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.

-Green Lake Resort, Planned Unit Development Project: signed an LOI with a 5-star wellness resort from the Caribbean and to finalize their joint venture agreement. Nothing yet, no movement still.

-Greene County Ambulance Review Study Meeting will be Thursday, September 25, 2025.

-MJ Engineering, Inc. draft the Condition Assessment Report on or about September 15 to the Town Board for their review & comments. MJ Engineering will review any comments provided by the Town & issues the Final Building Condition Assessment Report.

-Mountaintop Supervisors & Mayors Meeting, August 25, Town of Hunter.

-NYSDOT, Region One, Culvert Project, Route 385, Corlaer Kill, 2026 year

New Business:

Town Action: To Authorize the Supervisor & Town to apply to the Athens Community Foundations on behalf of the Highway Superintendent, December 2025. The grant will be requesting \$5,400.00 for tank and pump system.

Motion made by Bone and seconded by Pine.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 4(Bone, Haas, Pine, and Lasher), No's – 0, Absent – 2(Paluch and Pirrone).

Old Business: none

Town Council Concerns:

Board Member Pine stated that information on Facebook should not be considered the DCO's report.

Board Member Bone asked why do animal complaints go to the CEO?
It is part of the Town Code and starts the process should any follow up be needed.

Public Concerns:

Resident Michael Campbell noted some concerns about Peckham regarding the smell, contentment, the filters they use, storage, location (near wetlands).

Community Information: All Dates Subjected to Change.

- Sep 9 to Sep 22: Supervisor Pirrone Out of Town.
- Sep 15: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Sep 22: Mountaintop Supervisors & Mayors, Town of Lexington.
- Sep 25: Greene County Legislators, Town Supervisors, & Mayors Short-Term Rental Compliance Services with Deckard Technologies.
- Sep 25: Greene County EMS. Cairo, NY. 6:00 pm
- 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 15: Budget workshop 6:00pm Municipal Building
- Oct 20: Town Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Oct 22: Budget workshop 6:00pm Municipal Building
- Oct 23: Town Planning Board Meeting. Municipal Building.
- Oct 27: Mountaintop Supervisors & Mayors, Town of Prattsville.
- Oct 29: Budget workshop 6:00pm Municipal Building
- Nov 4: Election Day.
- Nov 6: Town Board meeting. Municipal building
- Nov 6: Public Hearing for 2026 Budget reviewing the preliminary 2026 budget. Municipal building
- Nov 20: Greene County Legislature Two Certified Copies of Town Budget.
- Nov 24: Mountaintop Supervisors & Mayors, Town of Ashland

There being no other business to come before the Town Board.

A motion was made by Bone and second by Bone to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm.

Motion Carried: Ayes – 4(Bone, Haas, Pine, and Lasher), No's – 0, Absent – 2(Paluch and Pirrone).

Respectfully submitted.

Phyllis Dinkelacker
Town Clerk