

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – May 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. on May 16, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following people were present: Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; Councilman Anthony Paluch; Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilman Michael Ragaini and Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell were absent.)

These people were also present; Attorney Virginia Benedict; Michael Pirrone; Greg Christy; John Brock; Joseph Iraci and Mary DiStefano.

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

TA 1009 NE Treaters Escrow Account Abstract #10, voucher #241 for \$703.00.

General Abstract #10, vouchers #242 through #259 inclusive for \$16,007.60.

Highway Abstract # 10, vouchers #86 through # 99 inclusive for \$7,507.25.

Greg Christy of North East Treaters came before the Board to see where the project is at. Supervisor Butler informed him that the Town Planning Board had expressed concern that the buffer zone wasn't wide enough. Mr. Butler and the Attorney Benedict has assured them that on the topographical map, where the area is more clearly defined and outlined there is more than enough buffer.

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to approve the minutes of May 2, 2016 as read.* Carried: Ayes-4(Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Resident Mary DiStefano of 15 Hidden Drive, Catskill, NY, spoke about a noise issue she is going through with a neighbor's Air B & B Rental. (51 Thorpe Road). She Works long hours and the noise goes on in to the early hours of the morning, and starts again several hours later.

Attorney Benedict advised Miss DiStefano that she has been going through the Short Term Rental law. She and Mr. Iraci are working on a law for the Town which would cover the noise issue as well.

Councilwoman Brandow arrived at this time: 7:10 p.m.

Attorney Benedict stated she could file a Private Nuisance Suit.

Councilman Surrano suggested keeping a paper trail: document everything, for the burden of proof.

For the occupancy issue, she was advised to go to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. advised the Board that Carol McBride has chosen Michaela Anderson as her Assessor Clerk. She is happy with her.

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to appoint Michaela Anderson as Clerk to the Assessor.* Carried: Ayes-4(Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler went over the most recent Labor Negotiations with the Board.

On the motion of Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. seconded by Richard M. Surrano, Jr. the following **RESOLUTION #2016-22** *to adopt the tentative Agreement between the Town of Athens and Teamsters Local 294 as of May 6, 2016 was adopted.* Ayes-4(Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

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Cathy Lyden, Deputy Town Clerk, Letter of Resignation was read, effective May 20th.

Medicare Reimbursement for Teresa DelVecchio. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow *to supply Medicare reimbursement to retired employee Teresa DelVecchio, starting January 1, 2016 based on the Employee Handbook and lack of documentation.* Carried: Ayes-4(Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

A letter was received from Justice Court Clerk Vincenzina R. Carl and cosigned by Justices Constance Pazin and James H. Robinson, Jr. regarding Medical Insurance and it being charged Pre Tax. Discussion followed.

Attorney Benedict suggested that our accounting firm be called as well as Dave Lavoie our Insurance Broker. (This could be done by Bookkeeper Strenka.)

Attorney Virginia Benedict spoke about the Planning Board's concerns regarding reviewing ALL Site Plans. She Assured Chairman Brodie that he would only need to review those actually submitted to the Planning Board.

Supervisor Butler appointed **Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr.** to the **Athens Community Foundation Committee as a member.**

Attorney Benedict and Mr. Iraci informed the Board that at the meeting in Sleepy Hollow w/ Laurel Mann, her Attorney and Interim Assessor Carol McBride and Town of Cossackie Assessor Gordon Bennett was regarding all Common Areas. Sleepy Hollow's Lawyer feel's that all Common Area's should be taxed at zero. Some discussion followed.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting, **a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr.** seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. Carried: Ayes-4(Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Meeting Adjourned at Time: 8:30 P.M.