

PUBLIC HEARING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – October 17, 2016

A public hearing of the Town Boards of Athens and Catskill was called to order on October 17, 2016 at 6:10 p.m. by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following people were present; Councilwoman Councilman Anthony Paluch; Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr.; Catskill Supervisor Doreen Davis; Catskill Councilman Paul Vosburgh; Catskill Councilman Robert Antonelli; Catskill Councilman Jared Giordano; Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey and Catskill Town Clerk Elizabeth Izzo.

These people were also present: Deputy Supervisor Joseph Iraci; Michael Pirrone; Phyllis Dinkelacker; Lois Ferrard; Paul Ferrard; Fran McCusker; David LaVoie; Attorney Virginia Benedict and Attorney Clotelle Drakeford.

Supervisor Butler read the Notice of Public hearing as it appeared in the Official Newspaper. Supervisor Davis informed both Boards that she had spoken with the Leeds Fire Chief who said he was happy with the amount. The Contract for the next five years will remain flat.

Catskill Town Board and Athens Town Board members signed the Contract as it was written. (Councilman Patrick McCulloch (who was absent) abstained.)

Supervisor Butler made a motion to close the public hearing seconded by Councilman Surrano. Carried.

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow arrived at 6:20 pm.

Councilman Michael Ragaini arrived at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – October 17, 2016

The regular meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Supervisor Butler. The same people with the exception of the Catskill Town Board and Michael Campbell were present.

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

General Abstract #19, vouchers #475 through #491 inclusive for \$31,848.56.

Highway Abstract #18, vouchers #172 through #190 inclusive for \$17,347.31.

Supervisor Butler spoke about Quarry Road being a private road. There is no map of the road. He didn't think that there was much that the Town could do. We are currently working on a Short Term Rental Law. It is a civil thing.

Phyllis Dinkelacker informed the Board that EMS costs are going to cost about the same for 2017.

Councilman Ragaini made a motion seconded by Supervisor Butler to approve the minutes of October 3, 2016 as read. Ayes-5-(Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

David LaVoie spoke next about insurance rates for 2017. He handed out charts with the current rates and the one closest to what we have now. It also included two others. Retirees insurance is still being looked at.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. to hire the Law Firm of Jones Hacker & Murphy to represent the Town of Coxsackie, Coxsackie-Athens Central School District, and the Town of Athens in the suit against The Association of

Property Owners of Sleepy Hollow regarding the taxing of the “common areas”. Ayes-5-(Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

On the motion of Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow the following **RESOLUTION #2016-31 to adopt the Fire Contract with Leeds Hose Company No.1** for fire protection to be furnished by said Fire Department to the district established in said Town of Athens and Town of Catskill upon the following terms to wit: This was adopted as follows: **A.** the Fire Department shall answer and attend all calls in said Town of Athens and Town of Catskill; **B.** For such service said District shall receive and the Towns shall pay as follows:

2017	Catskill	\$108,987	Athens	\$36,208.98
2018	Catskill	108,987	Athens	36,208.98
2019	Catskill	108,987	Athens	36,208.98
2020	Catskill	108,987	Athens	36,208.98
2021	Catskill	108,987	Athens	36,208.98

C. The said District shall procure sufficient insurance and will cause the policy to be endorsed in such manner as to protect the Towns and Fire Protection District; **D.** This Contract shall remain in effect for five (5) years; **E.** Such other incidental terms as may be necessary or proper in connection with such contracting.

Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler reported that he had spoken with George Jeune of the Town of Catskill for BLS ambulance service. He was told it would be about \$92,500. Mr. Butler asked for a two year contract and was told that they would get back to him. It is currently a one year contract.

Attorney Virginia Benedict handed out a draft local law to regulate short term residential rentals. Deputy Supervisor handed out copies of several items he felt should be reconsidered by the Board regarding this local law when they are reviewing it.

Board reviewed tentative budget. They went over the highway Da and DB.

Next budget workshop is scheduled for October 26, 2016 at 6:00 at the Town Clerk’s Office.

Discussion followed on Dollar General.

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. Ayes-5-(Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.