

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – April 27, 2020

A meeting of the Athens Town Board was held electronically via zoom, with Board Members at his or her own property location due to the Covid-19 Social Distancing order from the Governor.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. invited the following people to join in in the meeting:

Joining the meeting were: Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; Councilman Michael Ragaini; Councilwoman Shannon Spinner; Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell; Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey; Attorney Virginia Benedict and Finance/Budget Officer Don Pierro.
(Councilman Anthony Paluch was absent.)

These people were in a listen only status: Robert Brunner; Peter Alberti Angela Colavito and Tim Miller.

The following bills were previously audited and ordered paid:

General Abstract #6, vouchers #111 through #135 inclusive for \$50,021.11.

Highway Abstract #6, vouchers #55 through #65 inclusive for \$7,768.18.

General Abstract #7, vouchers #136 through #157 inclusive for \$13,135.39.

Highway Abstract #7, vouchers #65 through #74 inclusive for \$20,890.38.

General Abstract #8, vouchers #158 through #167 inclusive for \$19,265.79.

Highway Abstract #8, vouchers #75 through #77 inclusive for \$143,404.01.

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell reported that they have finished sweeping all Town Roads.

He rented a stump grinder to remove stumps from winter tree work.

They serviced #3, the roller and the grader.

The new loader has been delivered.

They need to get a load rating on box culvert, on Bambi Lane, as someone is interested in buying.

He would like to surplus the 2001 New Holland Loader and the 2003 F250 truck on put them on Auctions International to sell them.

He had put in everyone's box a copy, of his proposed Road Agreement.

Discussion followed:

On the motion of Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner the following **RESOLUTION #2020-24** to surplus the New Holland loader and the 2003 F250 truck and sell them on Auctions International was adopted. Ayes- 3 (Butler; Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Ragaini; Paluch) Abstentions-0

On the motion of Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner the following **RESOLUTION #2020-25** to execute the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys; was adopted as follows: Agreement between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Athens, Greene County, New York, and the undersigned member of the Town Board.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – April 27, 2020

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$216,800.00 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs upon 31.17 miles of town highways, including sluices, culvert and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof.

2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways.

Type: See below:

Oil & Stone		Application							
Rd. Name	Length	Width	SY	Rate	Oil	gallon	Price	Total oil	Stone Type
Church St.	1.900'	22'	4.644	0.4	CRS2P	1858	\$2.16	\$4,013.28	1A's
Forest Hills Ave	1.300'	22'	3.178	0.4	CRS2P	1271	\$2.16	\$2,745.46	1A's
Gypsy Point Rd	3.900'	22'	9.533	0.4	CRS2P	3813	\$2.16	\$8,236.08	1A's
Leeds Athens Rd	7.700'	22'	18.822	0.4	CRS2P	7529	\$2.16	\$16,262.64	1A's
McGovern Ln.	530'	18'	1.060	0.4	CRS2P	424	\$2.16	\$915.84	1A's
Pleasant Acres	1.060'	20'	2.356	0.4	CRS2P	942	\$2.16	\$2,034.72	1A's
Travis Blvd	1.850'	18'	3.700	0.4	CRS2P	1480	\$2.16	\$3,196.80	1A's
S. Vosenkill Rd	4.860'	22'	11.880	0.4	CRS2P	4752	\$2.16	\$10,264.32	1A's
S. Mud Lane	1.320'	22'	3.227	0.4	CRS2P	1291	\$2.16	\$3,788.56	1A's

Ayes-3(Butler; Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Ragaini; Paluch) Abstentions-0

Mr. Farrell announced that the Highway Department will be fully staffed starting May 4th.

Supervisor Butler informed the Board that Peggy Pieruzzi will be working with the Code Enforcement Officer from now on.

At this time, Councilman Ragaini connected to the meeting.

On the motion of Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner the following **RESOLUTION #2020-26** to appointed Gordon Bennett as Temporary Acting Assessor for a term of 3 months (4/8/2020 to 6/30/2020) was adopted. Ayes-3 (Butler; Ragaini; Spinner) Noes-1 (Brandow) Absent-1 (Paluch) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler stated that he set up interview for a Clerk to the Assessor. Hours will be the same number, only she will be more knowledgeable, as she was an assessor at on time.

Supervisor Butler advised the Board of his concerns regarding the Court.

Currently there is no one in the court. He met with the Justices, who informed him of an early directive, where they are closed to the public. He thinks 1 Justice and 1 Clerk is all that is needed. Someone to answer phone, take messages off phone, pick up mail, and open, etc. and can still be closed to public.

Attorney Benedict stated that someone should be there.

Supervisor Butler stated that all the doors are posted with signs.

Attorney Benedict will look into it more for Monday's meeting.

The Joint Village and Town Cleanup Day maybe rescheduled sometime in May, or it may have to be held off for the Fall. Supervisor Butler will speak to Robert Van Valkenburg about this.

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – April 27, 2020

There was a discussion on Teamster's Insurance.

Both Attorney Benedict and Supervisor Butler attended a meeting with the Union's Insurance person, but figures on the bills are not what were discussed, much more than what was agreed. The Union Contract is up for negotiations next May.

The next meeting will also be a zoom meeting, to be held on May 4, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

As there was no other business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Paluch) Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 p.m.