

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – May 18, 2020

A meeting of the Athens Town Board was held electronically via “Zoom” on May 18, 2020 with Board members at his or her own property location, due to the Covid-19 Social Distancing order by the Governor.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following people in attendance: Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; Councilwoman Shannon Spinner; Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell; Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey and Attorney Virginia Benedict. (Councilmen Michael Ragaini & Anthony Paluch were absent.)

These people listened only: Tim Miller; Dan Boyd; Angela Colavito; Karen Krawczyk and Robert Brunner.

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

General Abstract #10, vouchers #182 through #189 inclusive for **\$101,320.16**.

Highway Abstract #10, voucher#88 for **\$6,485.24**.

Highway Superintendent John J Farrell reported that the Owner of Camp Achim off of Pleasant Acres road has put a chain link fence with a gate across the Town road. There is 720' of Pleasant Acres Road that we maintain; do we have the authority to open this gate? Discussion followed. This will be looked into further.

Mr. Farrell informed the Board that the property owner at 15 Bambi Lane needs a box culvert put in. Mr. Farrell checked it for load rate. He asked who is responsible for funding this project, the property owner or the Town.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. informed the Board that Financial/Budget Officer Don Pierro and Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow have met to start working on the 2021 budget.

Assessor's Office: Clerk to the Assessor Kathy Sprague, has started working and no problems so far. The search continues for Assessor.

Town Court Clerks are working alternate days.

Councilwoman Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to accept the minutes of May 4, 2020 as read. Ayes-3 (Butler; Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Ragaini; Paluch) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler stated that the earliest we could get the joint Town/Village Cleanup Day scheduled would be June 13th OR do it for six (6) hours the end of September at the Town Highway Garage.

Greene County Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for August 8th, no time set as yet, to be held off of Route 9W on Scott Lane.

Supervisor Butler informed Board members that the Union Representatives want to hold a Zoom meeting with the Town. Mr. Butler will e-mail Rocco to get it set up. (3 highway guys.)

Our June 1, 2020 meeting will be a zoom meeting unless restrictions are lifted.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by **Councilwoman Shannon Spinner** seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow. Ayes-3 (Butler; Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2(Ragaini; Paluch) Abstentions-0 Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.