

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – July 6, 2020

A regular meeting of Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. on July 6, 2020 at the Athens Town Hall in the gym, at 7:03 p.m.

The following people were present: Supervisor Butler; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; Councilman Michael Ragaini; Councilman Anthony Paluch; Councilwoman Shannon Spinner; Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey.

Also present were: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Finance Officer/Budget Officer Don Pierro; Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini; George F. Stacey; Fran McCusker; Barbara Trembacz; Theresa Cardinale; Robert Brunner and Jen Crawford.

All of the above people were socially distanced at 6 feet apart and wore masks as ordered by the Governor.

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

General Abstract #13, vouchers #225 through #245 inclusive for **\$22,672.39**.

Highway Abstract #13, vouchers #109 through #121 inclusive for **\$50,506.83**.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell informed the Board that that the Highway crew had been out mowing along the roads.

He also stated that they helped pave with Village of Catskill and the Town of Coxsackie.

They hauled stone for paving, and oil and stone.

They checked all roads for trees down, and found some street signs missing.

Mr. Farrell announced that the paving of Flats Road came in under budget. He suggested when the State Aid money comes in, he would like to amend the 2020 Road Agreement to do the whole road.

He had a quote of \$23,566.40 (2" of Cold Mix Paving, using 13 gallons per ton and they will be using CMS-2 emulsion :)(Pricing based on 2020 NYS GGS Liquid Bituminous Bid PC# 69063(June 2020-\$471/ton)
Flats Rd. 3,960ft.; 20 feet wide; 8,800 Sqyds; 880 tons 11,440 gallons at \$2.06 a gal.= \$23,566.40
Plus Stone at \$10,000 10,000.00
For a total of \$33,566.40

On the motion of Councilwoman Shannon Spinner seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini the following **RESOLUTION #2020-28** to amend the 2020 Road Agreement between the Highway Superintendent and the Supervisor to increase the paving of Flats Road by the amount of \$33,566.40 to pave the entire road. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini reported he had issued 5 building permits for the month of June, and did 5 building inspections.

He issued 1 Certificate of Occupancy and received 2 Cert. of Occupancy Search Requests.

He issued 2 Septic permits.

Violations:

Dr. Hassett did a site visit at 390 Leeds Athens Road. He found the property a Property Maintenance issue. A second violation notice was sent to the property owner asking for an action plan to clear the rubbish from the property.

Notice of Violation was sent to the owner of the Rustic Cabin on Potic Mountain Creek. Cabin is off the electric grid and is in violation of Property Maintenance Code for use other than private.

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He received a letter from the owner of the Rustic Cabin requesting to recertify Short Term Rental.

Mr. Gasparini resent a Notice of Violation by Certified Mail and e-mailed the owner that the cabin would have to be brought in to compliance with Building Codes before the Short Term Rental Certificate could be issued.

Complaint:

At 132 Valley Road, a small pond was made that now causes area water to run off to the properties at 122 and 116 Valley Road. Consolidated Health Officer Dr. Hassett made a visit to the properties and health wise everything was ok.

Stop Work Order:

Was issued at 444 Howard Hall Road for the rebuilding of a garage damaged by a car. Home owner is getting documents to show that the garage is on their property.

Finance Officer/Budget Officer Don Pierro informed Board members that he has been helping remove the old four drawer file cabinets for new 4 drawer lateral file cabinets for the Assessor's office.

He reported that he has requested three (3) quotes from CPA Firms to do this year's annual financial report.

Mr. Pierro went reviewed the Supervisor's Report for June with the Board.

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner to approve and accept the Supervisor's Report as presented. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020 as read. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner to approve the minutes of June 15, 2020 as read. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner to approve the Town Clerk's Report as presented. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler informed everyone that we will be meeting with Flint Mine Solar on August 3, 2020.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 (Time: 7:31 pm)

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 (Time: 7:40 pm)

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Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to **appoint Cheryl L. Kaszluga of Germantown as Assessor to fill the unexpired remaining term which expires September 30, 2025.** Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion to appoint Gordon Bennett as Assessor to fill the unexpired remaining term.

There was no second to this motion.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting **a motion to adjourn** was made by Councilman Michael Ragaini and seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.