

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – August 3, 2020

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order at the Athens Volunteer Fire House on August 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. with the pledge to the Flag.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Finance Officer/Budget Officer Don Pierro; Assessor Cheryl Kaszluga; Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini; Robert Brunner; Dan Boyd; Larry Styles and Jacqueline Goddeau.

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

**General Abstract #14**, vouchers #246 through #264 inclusive for **\$12,397.72**.

**Highway Abstract #14**, vouchers #122 through #138 inclusive for **\$28,081.25**.

**Trust & Agency Abstract #1**, vouchers #1 through #3 inclusive for **\$3,047.44**.

ALSO

**General Abstract #15**, vouchers #265 through #277 inclusive for **\$12,913.05**.

**Highway Abstract #15**, vouchers #139 through #146 inclusive for **\$13,763.51**.

**Assessor Cheryl Kaszluga** reported on how things are going in the Assessor's office.

Her office hours are Tuesdays 8 A.M. to 12 noon, and the First and Third Saturdays by appointment between 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

She stated that the IT Dept. setup the RPSV4 system in her office along with remote access from home. Her email has also been updated and she can also receive emails on her phone so she access 24 hours a day.

The Assessor and her Clerk Kathy Sprague are continually updating their file through building permits and additional resources.

As of August 3, they have received five (5) SCAR petitions.

**Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini** reported the following:

Building Permits issued-4 Building Inspections-6 Certificate of Occupancy issued- 1

Temporary Certificate of Occupancy-1 Certificate of Compliance-1 Septic Permit-1

Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests-15.

The owner of 390 Leeds Athens Road has cleaned up the property and is in the process of the final cleanup work.

Reports were received that people were using the "Rustic" cabin on Potic Creek Road after the violation was issued.

Stop Work Order issued for 444 Howard Hall Road for the rebuilding of a garage damaged by a car. Home owner is still in process of sending in documents that state garage is on their property.

Owner of 854 Leeds Athens Road (Blue House) was contacted and the owner is in the process of removing the pile of brush and construction debris on the property.

**Finance Officer/ Budget Officer Don Pierro** informed the Board that our Accounting Firm, which is Pattison Kosky Howe & Bucci, is now known as UHY. It has been taken over by a new company.

7 lateral file cabinets were purchased some for the assessor's office, for codes & supervisor.

Mr. Pierro advised the Board that he had included a spread sheet with the budget.

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Finances continued:

An unrestricted Certificate of Deposit comes due on August 27<sup>th</sup>. All interest rates have been slashed by banks

He reviewed the Supervisor's report with the Board.

**Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion** seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner **to accept and approve 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 Shannon Spinner to pay \$16,500 to Tighe & Bond for intervenor status for the Town in the Flint Mine Solar Project. 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 July 6, 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 and accept the Town Clerk's Report for July as presented.** Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

**Flint Mine Solar** will be attending our meeting of September 8<sup>th</sup> which will be held at the Athens Volunteer Fire House on Third Street.

The Town received a copy of, Case 20-11597-MFW Doc Filed 07/17/20 from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, for Northeast Gas Generation LLC, et al., (Also known as Athens Gen.) they have a deadlines to pay all their debtors. Supervisor Butler informed the Board that they still have to pay the Town.

Mr. Dan Boyd of Potic Solar filed for a building permit. He informed the Board that there will be minimal visual and minimal impact. He stated it was standard solar.

Mr. Boyd was questioned by Supervisor Butler and Councilman Paluch. Discussion followed.

**Jacqueline Gaudette** came before the Board RE: a Stop Work Order She received for her garage. There is a property line dispute. She was told she needs a new survey.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.