

ATHENS TOWN BOARD – REGULAR MEETING – September 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order at 7:02pm on September 21, 2020 at the Athens Volunteer Fire House, by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

These people were also present; Attorney Virginia Benedict; Finance Officer/Budget Officer Don Pierro; Lynn J. Brunner; Jacqueline Goddeau; Barbara Trembacz; Theresa Cardinale; Fran McCusker; Kristin Brazie; Cliff VanKleeck (Leeds Fire Dept.) and Robert Brunner.

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

General Abstract #18, vouchers #320 through #333 inclusive for **\$23,938.45**.

Highway Abstract #18, vouchers #175 through #180 inclusive for **\$2,515.60**.

Finance Officer/Budget Officer Don Pierro handed out copies of his budget notes to the Members of the Board for review. He informed them that he had met with Councilwoman Brandow and Highway Superintendent Farrell.

He informed the Board he had received another unbudgeted item for payment. He asked if a compromise could be made, and was told no.

Minutes:

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020 as corrected. (The culvert is being replaced not repaired.) Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Spinner) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler received a request from Commander George Greiner of TGM American Legion, for help from the Highway Crew to help pave the Legion parking lot.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to allow the Highway Crew to help pave the Legion parking lot. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Spinner) Abstentions-0

Cliff VanKleeck of Leeds Fire Dept. came before the Board, as he feels Leeds is not getting enough operating money. He wishes to end the current contract (which ends in 2021) and make a new contract.

Supervisor Butler stated he didn't feel comfortable changing the contract now. He would like to see the financials and go over them.

(Would need to sit down with Catskill TB, Athens TB and Leeds FD to discuss.)

Jacqueline Goddeau came before the Board with her survey and asked to have the Stop Work Order lifted. Attorney Benedict reviewed it and advised her that part of this land was indeed on Mr. Mizell's land. (She has been talking to him.) Ms. Goddeau is to see Code Enforcement Officer on Wednesday.

As there was no further business to come before this meeting **a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow** seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Spinner) Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm