

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – October 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. on October 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Lynn Brunner and Robert Brunner.

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

General Abstract #20, vouchers #353 through #380 inclusive for **\$34,303.37**.

Highway Abstract #20, vouchers #190 through #196 inclusive for **\$2,495.41**.

Attorney Virginia Benedict presented the Board with copies of proposed local law No. 1 for 2020 to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2021.

On the motion of Councilman Michael Ragaini seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner the following **RESOLUTION #2020-35** was adopted as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 1 of 2020, providing for a local law to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2021, a copy of which is annexed hereto, is hereby introduced at this meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Athens as follows:

- The Town Board of the Town of Athens shall hold a public hearing on the 5 day of November, 2020, at 7:05 p.m. at the Athens Community Hall Gym, Athens, New York, to hear all interested parties on said proposed Local Law.
- The proposed Local Law constitutes a Type II action for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act which will not require SEQRA review.
- The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in The Daily Mail, a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Town for such publication, on or before October 26, 2020, which is not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the said public hearing.

Upon the question of the adoption of this Resolution, the following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution: Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Michael Ragaini; Anthony Paluch;

Shannon Spinner

The following Board members voted "No": None

The following Board members were "Absent": Mary H. Brandow

The proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Athens Town Board. Dated: October 19, 2020.

On the motion of Councilman Michael Ragaini seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner the following **RESOLUTION # 2020-36** was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Athens that the fee schedule for Building Permits is hereby revised to add the following:

The fee for a Building Permit for a large-scale solar energy system as a special use pursuant to Chapter 180-52 of the Code of the Town of Athens shall be \$1000 per megawatt or any portion thereof. The fee shall be payable at the time of application for the building permit.

Upon the question of the adoption of this Resolution, the following Board members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution: 4-(Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner)

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The following Board members voted “No” in opposition of the Resolution: “None”

The following Board members were Absent: 1-Brandow

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Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Spinner to approve the minutes of October 5, 2020 as corrected. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Brandow) Abstentions-0 {DEC added to first page of October 5, 2020 minutes.}

Supervisor Butler suggested that the Trustees of the Community Foundation, award the grants this year for the Community Foundation Trust.

Hank Tripp, Edward Bloomer and Thomas Bruno are the newest Trustees. This way they can get some hands on experience.

The Advisory Board members, whose terms expire in December, will be advanced one (1) more year.

Supervisor Butler stated that we would vote on the Community Center at the next meeting. The Vacant land along of the building doesn't go with the building.

Supervisor Butler said he would meet with Trustee Lasher on the Fire Contract.

A site plan has been received for the Planning Board for West Athens Limes Street Fire Company.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:38 p.m.