

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – July 19, 2021

The Athens Town Board met on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:20 p.m. at the Village of Athens Volunteer Fire House with the following people present:

**Those present:** Deputy Supervisor Michael Ragaini; Councilmember Mary H. Brandow; Councilmember Anthony Paluch; Councilmember Shannon Spinner; Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey; Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Don Pierro; Assessor Dawn DeRose; Attorney George McHugh; Larry Farbstein; Christine Douglass; Dan Tilley; John Wolham; Paul & Niki Miller;

**Mr. John Wolham** introduced himself and had the other State Officials present, introduce themselves.

**Mr. Wolham told the Board** that the people in this group were the people that that would monitor the files and the statistical information as it comes in by July 1, 2022, The Tentative Roll.

Discussion followed and several questions were asked. Then the State Officials and the assessor left.

**At 7:05 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Michael Ragaini** called the **regular meeting** to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**These people also attended the meeting:** Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell; Justice E. Tim Mercer; Barbara Trembacz; Robert Brunner and Albert Gasparini.

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

**General Abstract #14**, vouchers #318 through #335 inclusive for \$14,057.14.

**Highway Abstract #14**, vouchers #106 through #114 inclusive for \$48,406.24.

**Trust & Custodian:** Verizon: Abstract #2, voucher #2 for \$520.00.

Peckham: Abstract #3, voucher #3 for \$780.00.

Fire Districts: Abstract #1, voucher #1 for \$1,623.74

Abstract #1, voucher #2 for \$ 552.07

Abstract #1, voucher #3 for \$1,071.67

Total Abstract #1 **\$3,247.48**

**Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini** reported on June activities.

He issued 4 building permits and did 12 building inspections.

He answered building permit inquiries; questions regarding home renovation; storage sheds, garage, Septic System, Short Term Rentals, and signs permits.

One Certificate of Occupancy was issued; One Certificate of Compliance was issued.

There were 18 Certificate of Occupancy Search Requests made..

**Rustic Cabin on Poetic Mountain Creek, Dresser Properties, Inc.** An Appearance Ticket was sent to Mr. Peck, for a Court date to be held on August 12, 2021 at 2:00 pm. The Process Server was not able to serve Mr. Peck, so it will be attached to his residence, at 314 Quarry Road.

**Mr. Gasparini** has been monitoring 279 Church Street (Old Gypsy Point Boarding House) on Property Maintenance. They have renovated the house and have left debris around the house.

**Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell** reported that they will start paving .

Mr. Farrell advised the Board that the new Boom Mower arrived today.

**Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Don Pierro** reviewed the Supervisor's Report with the Board.

**Mr. Pierro** informed the Board that he has been working with Attorney Elayne Gold to get the Union Contract typed and delivered.

Bookkeeper Pierro informed the Board that the Town should be getting \$119,000 in Stimulus money sometime between the end of July and Beginning of August.

Mr. Pierro spoke about a procurement policy.

The Board reviewed the Ambulance Contract with the Town of Catskill. Bookkeeper Pierro informed the Board that he pulled out 2020-2021's contract to compare.

Attorney McHugh commented on paragraph number 5 which reads: "It is understood and agreed by and between the parties hereto that Catskill retains the right to file claims for reimbursement with the insurance carriers of those using Catskill services under this contract." He said he would look in to these soft billing costs.

Councilmember Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner to approve the minutes of July 6, 2021, as corrected. Ayes-4 (Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstention-0 (Date to review revised handbook is July 19<sup>th</sup> not July 21<sup>st</sup>.)

Councilmember Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Anthony Paluch to approve and accept the Town Clerk's Report as presented. Ayes-4 (Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstention-0

Bookkeeper Don Pierro and Attorney George McHugh reviewed the Employee Handbook revisions with the Board members.

John J. Farrell asked questions about Section #705- Medical Plan and the wording. He also asked about Section #706 –Medical Insurance Buyout- For those who have it now. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilmember Mary H. Brandow to authorize the Attorney to inquire about the Horowitz Property at 31 Old Kings Road adjacent to the Highway Garage, and if available get an appraisal. Ayes-4 (Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstention-0

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Anthony Paluch seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner. Ayes-4 (Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstention-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.