

At 6:15 pm. the following people met with Mr. Laurence P. Farbstein, President of IUVC, Inc. (Industrial & Utility /Valuation Consultants, Inc.): Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilmember Mary H. Brandow; Councilmember Michael Ragaini; Councilmember Anthony Paluch; Councilmember Shannon Spinner; Town Clerk Linda M Stacey; Attorney George McHugh; Assessor Dawn DeRose; Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Don Pierro; Barbara Trembacz; Francis McCusker and Theresa Cardinale.

Mr. Farbstein presented his proposal for the Town of Athens Upcoming Systematic Review with respect to providing Real Property Assessment and Taxation Consultant Services. He also submitted his resume and Real Property Assessment and Taxation Consultation Qualifications.

Included in his proposal were other Cities and Towns he has helped: City of Albany; Town of Colonie; Town of Coeymans; Town of Guilderland; Town of New Scotland; Town of Newburgh Town of East Greenbush; Town of Haverstraw; Town of Hadley; City of Schenectady; Town of Huntington; City of Rye and the City of Mt. Vernon.

This non-reappraisal systematic review has, as its goal, assessment equity both within and among the various property classes located in the Town. As such, the goal is to recalibrate the current taxable assessments in the Town, conforming to current and recent real estate market trends within the residential, commercial, industrial, and vacant property classes.

New York State ORPTS is responsible for the equalization rate

At 6:58 pm. Mr. Farbstein and Assessor DeRose left.

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. at The Village of Athens Volunteer Fire House on Third Street, at 7:00 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The same people as listed in the first paragraph, were in attendance as well as the following: Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini; Micheal Pirrone; Robert Brunner; Patrick Doyle and Randall Squier, Cossackie-Athens CS Superintendent of Schools.

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

General Abstract, #12, vouchers #256 through #281 inclusive for \$30,041.24.

Highway Abstract, #12 vouchers #99 through #104 inclusive for \$23,550.79.

Trust & Custodian Abstract# 2, voucher#2, \$260.00.

Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini reported on two (2) violations: 1) 279 Church Street (Old Gypsy Point Boarding House) Property Maintenance. Renovating house and leaving building debris around house. (2) 359 Green Lake Road. Renovating and building addition with no building permit.

The following are Short Term Rentals in Athens: 51 Thorpe Road; 862 Potic Mountain Road; 19 S Greenwood Lane; 216 Route 385.

There is one (1) Fireworks Permit in Sleepy Hollow, to be used for their Fourth of July Celebration.

Mr. Gasparini reported that there were 10 building permits; There were 14 building inspections.

There was 1 Certificate of Occupancy.

There were 2 Temporary Certificate of Occupancy.

Certificate of Compliance-1

Certificates of Occupancy Search Request-5

Short Term Rental Certificates-1 (862 Potic Mountain Rd.)

Mr. Gasparini made a request to hire the Flats Brothers Landscaping LLC to clean up the Verizon Building Property (on Route 385), of trees and brush around the building and over grown grass on the property.

The Rustic Cabin on Poetic Mountain Creek, owned by Dresser Properties, Inc., was issued an Appearance Ticket. They have a Court Date of July 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM. This property was removed from having a Short Term Rental Certificate. Owner continued to use property as a Short Term Rental after receiving violation notices.

Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Don Pierro reported that the Highway Union Contract has gone to the Lawyer to be typed.

Mr. Pierro informed the Board that he and Attorney McHugh had reviewed the Town Handbook, with only 2 articles remaining to be reviewed and corrected. They had made corrections in the parts that they had reviewed. The Board will be given copies when they are finished, so they can review it, and see if any more changes need to be made.

Bookkeeper Pierro advised the Board that Supervisor Butler had given him the paperwork for the Corona Virus Stimulus money, so it could be filled out. He reported that he is still working on it.

At this Time Coxsackie Athens CSD Superintendent of Schools, Randall Squier addressed the Board. He announced that this year's graduation was going to be held outside, at 6:00 PM.

They want to move all K through 2 to EJA Elementary School, and all grade 3 through 12 to Coxsackie. The Board of Education voted to retire the School Mascot and Mascot name after many years.

Students receive personalized attention; Project Based Learning; Support; Opportunities. There were many more updates spoken about.

Councilmember Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner to approve the minutes of May 17, 2021 as read. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

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

Patrick Doyle, of Flint Mine Solar advised the Board that he had met with the Town Planning Board. Several of the properties need sub-divisions and field work on them.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Anthony Paluch seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.