

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – June 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag on June 6, 2022, at the Village of Athens Volunteer Fire House at 39 Third Street.

The following people were present: Supervisor Pirrone; Councilmember Mary H. Brandow; Councilmember Shannon Spinner and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilmembers Michael Ragaini and Anthony Paluch were absent.)

These people were also present; Fran McCusker; Town Justice Tim Mercer; Tom Satterlee; Robert Brunner; Linda Ferrucci; Patrick Doyle of Flint Mine Solar and M. K. Garvey.

Councilmember Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Mary H.

Brandow to approve the following vouchers that were audited by the Board.

General Abstract #11, vouchers #236 through #272 inclusive for \$523,490.56.

Highway Abstract #11, vouchers #76 through #87 inclusive for \$20,094.56.

Ayes-3 (Pirrone; Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Ragaini; Paluch)

Councilmember Mary H. Brandow made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022, as read, seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner. Ayes-3 (Pirrone; Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Ragaini; Paluch) Abstentions-0

Councilmember Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Mary H.

Brandow to approve the Town Clerk's Monthly Report for May as presented. Ayes-3

(Pirrone; Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Ragaini; Paluch) Abstentions-0

SUPERVISOR'S ACTIVITY

Building Sustainable Business in Athens: A meeting was held by the Athens Comprehensive Plan Committee, at the Village Volunteer Fire Dept., at 39 Third Street, at 5:30 p.m. on

May 24, 2022. This was attended by Supervisor Michael N. Pirrone, Councilmember Michael Ragaini and Legislator Edward Bloomer.

Key topics of discussion were Opportunities and Challenges Facing Athens Businesses:

Mutual Support & Local Partnership initiatives: State and County Programs to Assist Local Businesses. (This meeting was aimed at both the Village & Town of Athens.)

From Greene County-ARPA FUNDING STATUS: Greene County will offer each Town and Village the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.) Dollars towards their individual projects.

Greene County Emergency Medical Services is seeking a 14.9 % increase in its annual budget in 2023, as the agency hopes to provide a \$3.00 per hour salary increase to its paramedics.

Invitation to Sleepy Hollow Lake's 50th Anniversary Celebration event to be held on July 2, 2022, at the Sleepy Hollow Lodge Grounds was received. There will be food, attractions, and music to begin at 12 pm and go through the Fireworks ending around 10 PM. open to the outside communities.

Rick Rabideau, PH. D. of Sleepy Hollow expressed his concerns regarding Athens Village taxation pertaining to 240(+-) properties and his position that the taxes support village services which are redundant to SHL services. Mr. Rabideau suggests that the Town and Village explore consolidation alternatives through the NYS Local Government Efficiency Grant Program.

Solar Update- Patrick Doyle: Flint Mine Solar. Mr. Doyle spoke about a tariff issue for crossing the Route 9W and for entering Route 9W. June 8th there will be a meeting to discuss financial ability for the single project entity. They need to provide documentation for the PILOT. They would like to start the work by the end of the year.

Councilmember Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Mary H. Brandow to into Executive Session to discuss a Judicial issue. Ayes-3 (Pirrone; Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Ragaini; Paluch) Abstentions-0 Time: 7:21 pm.

Councilmember Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilmember Shannon Spinner to adjourn the Executive meeting and reconvene the regular meeting. Ayes-3 (Pirrone; Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Ragaini; Paluch) Abstentions-0 Time: 8:05 pm.

Councilmember Shannon Spinner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Mary H. Brandow to table the Judicial issue until there is a full Board present. Ayes-2(Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2(Ragaini; Paluch) Abstentions-1 (Pirrone)

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Shannon Spinner seconded by Councilmember Mary H. Brandow. Ayes-3 (Pirrone; Brandow; Spinner) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Ragaini; Paluch) Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P. M.