

BUDGET WORKSHOP – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – October 12,2023

A Budget Workshop meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order at 7:02 P.M., on October 12, 2023, at the Athens Town Hall by Councilmember Michael Ragaini.

The following people were present: Councilmember Mary H. Brandow; Councilmember Michael Ragaini; Councilmember Anthony Paluch; Councilmember Shannon Spinner; John J. Farrell, Highway Superintendent and Donald A. Pierro, Finance and Budget Officer.

There were two spectators present, George Greiner and Karen Dudley from the General Public. The Public Notice was filed by the Town Clerk for each of the three scheduled Budget Workshops scheduled for Wednesday October 4th, and Thursday October 12th, and Thursday October 19th which will begin at 7:00 P.M. except for the third Budget Workshop scheduled for the 19th which will begin at 6:30 P.M. If Necessary.

Budget Officer Donald Pierro opened the Workshop by describing the operational expenditures in the DA and DB Fund.

The following General Ledger accounts were questioned and Pierro explained the detail behind the spending for all categories. The Accounts are as follows:

“A” Fund Town Supervisor Department
1620.4 Soft Costs for development of 2 First Street
1990.4 Contingency Fund

DA & DB Funds
9060.8 Social Security Expenditures

Discussion ensued regarding the above account numbers; however, wages will be discussed in Executive Session currently scheduled for October 19, 2023, but may take place within the Town Board Meeting on Monday October 16th.

No formal action was taken on any of the account numbers stated above or from last week however there appears to be a compromise on three account numbers as follows:

A Fund	1620.4 Soft Costs	decrease to \$200,000.
A Fund	1990.4 Contingency	increase to \$10,000.
DB Fund	9060.8 Social Security	decreased to \$ 13,000.

The Board will continue these efforts for the Annual 2024 Budget on Monday October 16th or Thursday October 19, 2023, where we plan to finalize any remaining matters.

As there was no further business to come before the Town Board the Budget Workshop was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.