

REGULAR MEETING –ATHENS TOWN BOARD – December 16, 2013

A regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Lee Palmateer at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following people were present: Supervisor Lee Palmateer; Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilman Van Hoesen and Highway Superintendent Farrell were both absent.)

These people were also present: Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Mary H. Brandow; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple; Joe Iraci; Sam Sebren; Bill Roehr and John Duchessi.

The following bills were audited at this time:

General Abstract #24, vouchers #594 through #614 inclusive for \$3,072.79.

Highway Abstract #23, vouchers #223 through 229 inclusive for \$3,830.46.

Bill Roehr and John Duchessi spoke about grants at this time. They spoke about a portable generator for the Town garage. Supervisor Palmateer asked if there were any EMS Grants available. They advised him they would check into it. Discussion followed.

At 7:15 p.m. Dave LaVoie came before the Board for the renewal of the CDPHP Medicare. Renewal with \$10.00 co-pay for Medicare People, beginning January 1, 2014.

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker to raise the co-pay to \$10.00 for Forever Blue PPO 799, Employer Group, with a premium of \$390.45, beginning January 1, 2014. Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple reported on the three junkyards in the Town that were due for renewal: Richard & Lance Fischer, Flats Ext. Rd.- All vehicles are out of sight. Robert O'Connell (B&B Garage)- 292 Rt. 385; 130 unregistered cars: some will be sent to crusher. No recycled tires. John O. Rexford;-62 Mud Lane: 230 unregistered vehicles and no Tires.

Mr. Holsopple stated that everything was in order and recommended that the licenses be reissued.

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker authorizing the Town Clerk to issue the Junkyard licenses to: Richard & Lance Fischer; Robert O'Connell (B&B Garage); and John O Rexford upon the report and the recommendations of Code Enforcement Officer Holsopple. Ayes-3 (Palmateer; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-2 (Van Hoesen; Butler) Abstentions-0

Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Mary H. Brandow presented the Supervisor's Report to the Board for review with budget amendments.

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker the following **RESOLUTION #2013-45** to make the following Budget Amendments was adopted:

Code	Increase	Decrease
A 1220.1 Supervisor personnel	200.00	
A 1220.4 Misc. Expense		200.00
A1355.1 Assessor- personnel	2,200.00	
A 1355.4 Books		100.00
A 1355.4 Postage		100.00
A 1355.5 REVAL Consultant		375.00
A 1355.4 Mileage/reimbursement		75.00
A 1355.4 Seminars/Workshops		900.00

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A 1355.4 Service Contracts		500.00
A 1355.4 Telephone		300.00
A 1355.4 Travel/Mileage		50.00
A 9010.8 State Retirement	8,250.00	
A 9056.8 unemployment expense		<u>8,950.00</u>
A 9060.8 Health Insurance	<u>900.00</u>	\$11,550.00
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DA Snow Removal Personnel	9,400.00	
DA Diesel Fuel		3,000.00
DA	Increase	Decrease
DA Sand/ Stone dust		5,000.00
DA 9010.8 State Retirement	3,650.00	
DA 9030.8 Social Security	750.00	
DA 9040.8 Workman's Comp		300.00
DA 9060.8 Hosp/Med Ins. buyout	<u>220.00</u>	
DA 9060.8 Med.ins. other		<u>4,000.00</u>
	\$14,020.00	\$14,020.00

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DB	Increase	Decrease
DB 5110.4 Culvert Repairs		1,000.00
DB 5110.4 Road		680.00
DB 5110.4 Tires		<u>1,000.00</u>
DB 9010.8 State Retirement	<u>2,680.00</u>	
	\$2,680.00	\$2,680.00

Adopted as follows: Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to accept the Supervisor's Report with the Budget Amendments.* Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0

Bookkeeper Mary H. Brandow informed the Board that the Assessor's Clerk's computer is dying, and it is the MAIN computer for the Assessor's Department. It is too old to repair according to ITS. Their copier, which they share with the Codes Department, is on its last legs as well.

Ralph Favicchio of the Athens Citizens Development Committee came before the Board asking for the Town Board to pass a Resolution regarding the route of the power line. He read the resolution that the Village adopted. (He also left a copy with the Supervisor.)

Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to *approve the Town Clerk's Report as presented.* Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0

Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch to *approve the minutes of November 18, 2013 as read and corrected.* (Figures were reversed in resolution #2013-41). Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker to *accept the minutes of December 2, 2013 as read and corrected.* (Supervisor Elect Joe Iraci was invited to attend the Executive Session.) Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0

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The Senior Citizen/ Disabled Tax Exemption –Maximum income Limits was tabled to the New Year.

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker to *adopt the 5 year Contract for Fire Protection District between the Town Board of Athens and the Village Board o Athens from 1/1/2014 until 12/31/2018.* Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0

Councilwoman Dinkelacker informed the Board that for the Movie Night Grant from the Advisory Board she received 75% of what she had requested.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman April Paluch, seconded by Supervisor Lee Palmateer. Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Dinkelacker) Noes-0 Absent-1(Van Hoesen) Abstentions-0
Meeting Adjourned at: 8:15 p.m.