

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – May 6, 2013

A regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on May 6, 2013, at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Supervisor Lee Palmateer.

The following people were present: Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilman Steven Van Hoesen and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilwoman Phyllis Dinkelacker was absent.)

These people were also present: Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Annie Stapleton; Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple; Bill Roehr and Reporter Melanie Lekocevic.

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

General Abstract # 9, vouchers #191 through #221 inclusive for **\$20,441.6**.

Highway Abstract #8, vouchers #72 through #79 for **\$84,487.82**.

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple spoke to the Board about the property belonging to Francis Saunders on 457 Vosenkill Road. He Inspected in on April 18. The Building hasn't been occupied in a four years. The mobile home has two additions and these roofs are failing. The property has rubbish and garbage, also a refrigerator with doors attached, on the back deck. Mr. Holsopple recommends that these conditions be corrected. He also recommended that to make the building completely safe, it should be demolished. Mr. Holsopple is to notify the owner. Board discussion followed. This was tabled until the Attorney could be present. Mr. Holsopple is to talk with Attorney Benedict and see what she suggests.

Mr. Holsopple stated that he received a complaint regarding Gary Dugan on Lime Kiln Road, Catskill. It is a Violation of Property Maintenance Code. He has added an addition without a building permit; His last building permit was in 1995 for a double wide... George notified Mr. Dugan that he has 30 days to rectify this; (4/25/13- 30 days from this date.) Then he can issue an Appearance Ticket for building without a building permit; - He needs to talk to the attorney on this as well.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell had handed in the bids that he had received for the 1987 Elgin pelican, and the point hitch York rake on Auctions International.

He wanted the Boards approval before he accepted them. (Selling them as surplus on the internet.)

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded Councilwoman April Paluch *to accept the bids received from Auctions International for the 1987 Elgin Pelican- \$1,675.00; and the 8-ft-3-point hitch York Rake for \$400.00, as received.* Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Dinkelacker) Abstentions-0

Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Annie Stapleton came before the Board to get permission to hire a locksmith to rekey her desk and the file cabinet.

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to authorize Bookkeeper Annie Stapleton to hire a Locksmith to rekey her desk drawer, and a lock and key for the "new" file cabinet.* Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Dinkelacker) Abstentions-0

Grant Writer Bill Roehr handed out foundation directions on line, and discussed them with the Board.

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

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Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Steven Van Hoesen *to approve the minutes of April 15, 2013 as read.* Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Dinkelacker) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch *to approve the minutes of April 24, 2013 as read.* Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Dinkelacker) Abstentions-0

Greene County Council on the Arts requested \$200 for the SPROUTS Program. They teach art to young area school age children.

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. *to give \$200.00 to the SPROUTS Program.* Ayes-4(Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Dinkelacker) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Palmateer updated the Board on Leeds Sewer Project: He informed everyone that it is still way off. Marybeth Bianconi will keep us informed.

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch *to go into Executive Session to discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement;*Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Dinkelacker) Abstentions-0 Time: 8:10 pm

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Steven Van Hoesen *to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting.* Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Dinkelacker) Abstentions-0 Time: 8: 25 pm

On the motion of Supervisor Lee Palmateer seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch the ***following RESOLUTION #2013-24 to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement that was signed by Michael Richardson on April 29, 2013, for the period of 6/1/11 to 5/31/15 was adopted*** as follows: Ayes- 4 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Dinkelacker) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Lee Palmateer made a motion seconded by Councilwoman April Paluch *to adjourn,* with all present in favor. Ayes-4 (Palmateer; Butler; Paluch; Van Hoesen) Noes-0 Absent-1(Dinkelacker) Abstentions-0 Time: 8:30 pm