

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – DECEMBER 1, 2014

A regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on December 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci with the Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of Silence.

The following people were present: Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci; Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; and Town Clerk Deputy Cathy Lyden. (Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell.)

The following people were also present: Attorney Jessica Difore; Michael Strenka; David LaVoie; Carol McBride, George Holsopple.

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

General Abstract #23, vouchers #555 through #569 inclusive for \$28,341.41

Highway Abstract #23, vouchers #257 through #264 inclusive for \$5,538.52

A motion was made by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr and Seconded by Councilwoman April Paulch to adopt November 17, 2014 minutes. Carried. Ayes -4(Iraci, Butler, Paluch and Brandow)

Dave LaVoie and Bookkeeper Michael Strenka talked about Retirees Medical Insurance.

December 7th is the deadline to make any changes in coverage. Some rates have increased as much as 38%. Mr. LaVoie handed out a 2015 benefit summary with 4 different options and the rates for retirees. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Councilman Robert F. Butler Jr. and Seconded by Councilwoman April Paulch to go with option 2 insurance package. The town will pick up 100% of this plan. The Board agreed that if the retirees would like the more expensive plan, they need to pay the difference of the 2 packages. They would also need to inform Mr. LaVoie of this change. Carried. Ayes-4 (Iraci, Butlter, Paluch & Brandow)

Carol McBride the Acting Assessor gave the Board her November report. Mrs. McBride gave all Board Members the resolutions that the County has made regarding seniors and exemptions and the sliding scale. The Board will table any decisions till the January organizational meeting to make any resolutions.

Bookkeeper Michael Strenka presented the Board with the Supervisors Report for November. Discussions followed. A motion was made by Councilwoman April Paluch and Seconded by Councilwoman Mary Brandow to accept the November Supervisors Report. Carried. Ayes-4 (Iraci, Butler, Paulch & Brandow).

Councilwoman April Paluch made a motion and was seconded by Councilwoman Mary Brandow to accept the November Town Clerks Report. Carried. Ayes-4(Iraci, Butlter, Paulch & Brandow),

Code Enforcement Officer George Holsopple came before the Board to talk about what is going on with Hudson River Bulk. A 6 month extension was giving till the spring so they can finish their project.

Mr. Holsopple informed the Board about New Athens Gen project to build an additional warehouse. It was the determination of the Board that the warehouse shall be assessed separately as an independent parcel and the PILOT Agreement should not be altered.

Highway Superintendent John Farrell came before the Board with his report. He stated that the Town Barn needs a new back door and is waiting for quotes back to install a new one. Mr. Farrell also stated that the Town had our first snow day and it went well. The highway men spent Monday December 1 and will spend Tuesday December 2 on clean up. Mr. Farrell noted that the fall work of cutting back of trees help with less damage and cleanup. Truck 1 received a new front tire and front brakes. Truck 4 received new tires. Mr. Farrell also stated that he sent an employee into the village to help with leaf cleanup for 4 days as well as 1 day to help the Village mix sand and salt.

Supervisor Iraci talked about how we are looking for a new Auditing Firm.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman April Paluch to go into Executive Session and Seconded by Councilwoman Mary Brandow. Carried 4 Ayes(Iraci, Butler,Paluch & Brandow)

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Butler Jr. and seconded by Councilwoman April Paulch to go out of Executive Session. Carried 5 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Ragaini, Paluch & Brandow)

A motion was made by Councilman Robert Butler Jr. and seconded by Councilwoman April Paulch to adjourn meeting. Carried 5 Ayes (Iraci, Butler, Ragaini, Paluch & Brandow).o

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45p.m.