

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – May 19, 2014

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. on May 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following people were present: Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.; Councilwoman April Paluch; Councilman Mary H. Brandow and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Supervisor Joseph Iraci; Councilman Michael Ragaini and Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell were absent.)

These people were also present: Attorney Carl G. Whitbeck, Jr.; Bookkeeper Michael Strenka; Russell E. Le Count; Joseph A. Valente; Jacqueline Goddeau; Al Ramm and Andrea Smallwood.

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

General Abstract #10, vouchers #242 through #262 inclusive for \$26,531.33.

Highway Abstract #10, vouchers #101 inclusive for \$5,948.88.

Bookkeeper Michael Strenka spoke about a retirement letter that the Town received, regarding several appointed and elected officials reported hours. When the data is collected, the Board will adopt a resolution, including the time each position works, so this credit can be reported to the retirement system. This would be a formal resolution.

Board Members discussed West Point Partners and a resolution for coordinating reimbursement between the Town and the Village in order to obtain the \$60,000 in intervenor funding.

On the motion of Councilwoman April Paluch seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow the following **RESOLUTION #2014-37** was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Athens are intervening parties in the West Point Partners Transmission Proceeding currently pending before the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC), and

WHEREAS, in an effort to share the cost and ensure that the interests of its citizens are protected in an efficient and cost-efficient manner, the Town and Village have jointly retained Young/Sommer LLC and Barton & Loguidice D.P.C. to provide legal and technical assistance in the West Point Partners Transmission Proceeding and have waived any potential conflicts of interest associated with this joint representation, and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village were jointly awarded \$60,000 in initial intervenor funding to defray the cost of their participation in the West Point Partners Transmission Proceedings, and

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite into entering into a contract for funding, the PSC has requested that the intervenor funding agreement be signed by either the Town or the Village, and that the municipalities coordinate reimbursement to the other, in order to obtain the \$60,000 in intervenor funding,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town and Village of Athens hereby authorize the Village Mayor to sign the West Point Partners Transmission Proceeding intervenor funding agreement with the PSC on behalf of the Town and Village of Athens, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Athens agrees to receive disbursements of West Point Partners Proceeding intervenor funding on behalf of the Town and Village and to divide those disbursements equally between the Town and the Village in accordance with the vouchers submitted to the PSC in the proceeding's quarterly reporting.

This resolution was adopted as follows: Ayes-3(Butler; Paluch; Brandow) Noes-0
Absent-2(Iraci; Ragaini) Abstentions-0

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Town Clerk Linda Stacey presented the minutes of May 5, 2014, however they were tabled for approval until the next regular meeting.

The Athens Citizens Development Committee spokesperson Andrea Smallwood came before Board. She advised them that their attorney has been in contact with the Towns' Attorney. She also informed the Board that she had attended a hearing in Cortland.

The Town's 200th Anniversary was brought up. (Councilwomen April Paluch and Mary H. Brandow and Councilman Michael Ragaini are on this committee.)

Deputy Supervisor Butler informed the Board that we only received three (3) letters of intent for the Advisory Board. (We only have three (3) openings.)

As there was no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman April Paluch and seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow. Carried.
Ayes-3(Butler; Paluch; Brandow) Noes-0 Absent-2(Iraci; Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.