

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD –August 17, 2015

Ms. Elayne Gold was introduced to the members of the Board, prior to the commencement of the Board meeting.

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on August 17, 2015, at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper Michael Strenka and Phyllis Dinkelacker.

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

General Abstract #16, vouchers #376 through #393 inclusive for \$10,950.53.

Highway Abstract #15, vouchers #155 through #160 inclusive for \$8,350.55.

**Supervisor Joseph Iraci** announced that there would be a Special Meeting on September 3, 2015 at 6:00 P.M., for the Board and Negotiator Elayne Gold. There will be a Budget workshop after the Special Meeting.

Councilman Michael Ragaini left at this time. (7:00 pm)

Board Members reviewed the minutes of August 3, 2105.

Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch to accept the minutes of August 3, 2015 as read. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Iraci Informed the Board that the Power Agreement generated less money than last year by \$25,000, with 2 quarters to go.

The Supervisor's Financial Report for July was reviewed by the Board, as well as a list of budget recommendations.

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report for July as presented. Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0

**On the motion of Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr.** seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch the following **RESOLUTION #2015-25** to make the budget transfers below was adopted:

From	To
A 1355.1 Assessor Personnel	A1355.4 Board of Assessment Review \$1,000.00
A 1410.4 Clerk Seminars	A 1410.4 Clerk Office Supplies 200.00
A 1410.4 Clerk Seminars	A 1410.4 Clerk Service Contracts 200.00
A 9060.8 Medical Plan	A1420.4 Attorney Other Legal 5,000.00
A 9060.8 Medical Plan	A 5132.4 Highway Garage Contractual 1,000.00
A 9060.8 Debit Card Retirees	A 9060.8 Medicare reimbursement 2,000.00

This resolution was adopted as follows: Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Iraci Informed the Board that there were two employees, that he felt should be covered under disability (at \$30.00 per employee), they are the Bookkeeper and the Code Enforcement Officer. He needs to double check to make sure that Code Enforcement Officer not being covered already.

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Mr. Iraci advised the Board that the Village has set up their committee for Village – Town Cooperation, of: Anthony J. Proper; Trustee Robert June and Mayor Chris Pfister. This committee will work together with the Town committee of Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell; Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. and Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci. The Town committee will establish a meeting dates with the Village committee.

Attorney Benedict will put together a timeline for North East Treaters.  
The Town is to come up with a plan of action.

**Highway Committee:** Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. handed out a sketch of additions to the current highway garage, showing more room for the vehicles. He also detailed other areas of concern such as, lighting, heating units, new windows, drainage, energy and fuel consumption, as well as outside of building upgrades.

Supervisor Iraci stated that the food pantry space may be available.

Supervisor Iraci stated that he has asked former Councilwoman Patrica McLoughlin to come to our weekly budget workshop meetings. These meetings which are open to the public need to be changed from Wednesday to another night.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell informed the Board that he had received the State Road Inventory List for Athens.

In the year 2000 an extensive overhaul was done to Park Avenue. We need to pass a Resolution to get this road added to our Road List, as we maintain it.

On the motion of Supervisor Joseph B. Iraci seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. the following **RESOLUTION #2015-26** was adopted: *The Town of Athens acknowledges that Park Avenue is a public road open to the traveling public. It begins at the Town of Athens Line and travels .20 of a mile to a dead end. It is owned by the Town of Athens, and is maintained by the Town of Athens. Therefore the Town is legally responsible for it.*

This resolution was adopted as follows: Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0  
Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Iraci advised the Board that we have an ambulance contract offered with a flat rate, and we will stay with the Fly Car Service but if something happens we will ask if Catskill pick can up the slack.

Supervisor Iraci made a motion seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. to *go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter.* : Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0 Time 7:55 p.m.

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow *to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting.* : Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0

As there was no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow seconded by Councilman Robert F. Butler, Jr. : Ayes-4 (Iraci; Butler; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0 Time; 8:00 p.m.

Budget Workshops to be Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.