

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. on December 19, 2016 at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following people were present; Supervisor Butler; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; Councilman Anthony Paluch; Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Councilman Michael Ragaini and Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell were absent.)

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Assessor Carol McBride; Barbara Trembacz; Fran McCusker; and Patrica McLoughlin.

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

General Abstract #23, vouchers #560 through #586 inclusive for \$11,539.91.

Highway Abstract #22, vouchers #217 through #230 inclusive for \$4,354.68.

The Columbia Greene Humane Society Shelter Agreement with the Town of Athens was agreed upon, and the Supervisor was authorized to sign the same.

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to approve the minutes of December 5, 2016 as read. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Board members tabled the Senior Retirees Health Insurance.

The Town Board received a letter from the Village of Athens Planning Board RE: State Environmental Quality Review Act Notice of Intent to Declare Lead Agency in the Association of Property Owners of Sleepy Hollow Lake WWTP Upgrade. Discussion was held.

Attorney Benedict is to contact the Village Planning Board Chair.

At this time the Pat McLoughlin came before the Board and they reviewed the changes/additions to the Employee Handbook she had typed up on their behalf.

Mrs. McLoughlin asked for clarification of an eligible employee.
Supervisor Butler stated it is anyone who works over 20 hours a week.
There were some more suggestions and additional changes made.

Board members reviewed the tentative meeting date list.
They noted that the first meeting in January is on the 3rd.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow.
Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.