

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. on October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Bookkeeper/Budget Officer Michael Strenka; Assessor Carol McBride; Code enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini; Janet Paluch; Gene Paluch; Kurt Andernach and Mike Campbell.

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

General Abstract #18, vouchers #484 through #500 inclusive for \$26,008.27.

Highway Abstract #18, vouchers #178 through #189 inclusive for \$10,832.25.

Assessor Carol McBride informed the Board that the Enhanced Star Renewals were to be mailed out next week.

She asked if it would be possible to over her budget line by line.

Discussion followed on the following two exemptions: Town Local Law #2 of 2007 and Town Local Law #1 of 2010. This is to be looked into.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell reported four (4) of the highway employees attended a Perma training on snowplow safety. They blacktop- patched Flats Road, Dallas Road, Schoharie Turnpike, and Bambi Lane.

The Mowers have been. They did a driveway culvert on Potic Mt. Road.

Four highway employees and miscellaneous equipment went out to the reservoir working on the drying bed for the Village. They worked around the shop raising the road and parking lot.

Mr. Farrell also reported that they were supposed to pour the floor of the new building on Thursday.

Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini: Reported that he had 7 building permits for September. The Building Office has been averaging 4 to 5 calls per day.

There have been 4 office visits for general building permit planning.

He reported that he has been in contact with the owner on Greene Lake Road, and has received a copy of a blueprint to the septic system on the land. The measurements are not fully explained. He needs to contact the owner to discuss property lines and the septic leach location.

The self-contained Doctor's Office on residential property has been approved by the Planning Board, now waiting for the owner to come in and get a building permit.

He has spoken with Andrew Peck of the cabin on Potic Creek, of the violations on this property. Dollar General Store location asbestos removal has been completed.

Bookkeeper/ Budget Officer Michael Strenka reviewed the Supervisor's report with the Board members. Discussion followed.

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini to accept and approve the Supervisor's Report as presented. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The Town Clerk's Monthly Report was reviewed by the Board.

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow *to accept the Town Clerk's Monthly Report as presented*. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch, Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Budget Officer Michael Strenka and Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. went over the Tentative Budget. The Board was informed that there was NO increase in taxes from last year. There was \$1,500 added to celebrations for the upcoming Greene County Volunteer Firemen's Convention that will be hosted by the Town of Athens Volunteer Fire Department in September of 2018.

The Intermunicipal Agreement was discussed.

On the motion of Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini the following **RESOLUTION #2017-45**, *was adopted*.

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE ENVIRONMENTAL NON-SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED SECTION 55 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 180 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ATHENS TO REVISE SITE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Athens (the "Town") proposes to amend section 55 of article IV of chapter 180 of the Code of the Town of Athens to revise the site plan review process ("action" or "project").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Athens as follows:

Section 1. The Town hereby finds and determines that: (a) it has considered the action, reviewed the short environmental assessment form ("SEAF"), reviewed the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR section 617.7(c), thoroughly analyzed the relevant areas of potential environmental concern, and has duly considered all of the potential project environmental impacts and their magnitude in connection with the proposed action: (b) the action will not result in any moderate to large environmental impacts, and, therefore, is one which will not have a significant impact on the environment, and therefore, a negative declaration will be prepared; and (c) the reasons supporting this determination are set forth on Part 2 of the SEAF with respect to the action.

Section 2. The Town Board of the Town of Athens, as Lead Agency with respect to the above-described project, hereby: (a) adopts a negative declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR section 617.7 with respect to the project; and (b) authorizes the Supervisor to sign a negative declaration determination of non-significance with respect to the project.

The proposed Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Athens Town Board.

Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch, Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler opened the meeting questions from the public.

Discussion followed on Quarry Road.

As there was no further business to come before the meeting a *motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Anthony Paluch seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini*. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstention-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.