

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – December 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on December 17, 2018 by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Daniel Zuckerman of the Catskill Daily Mail; Douglas Lynch and Patrick Doyle of Flint Mine Solar.

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

T&A Abstract #1, voucher #1 for \$7,000.00.

General Abstract #22, vouchers 442 through #558 inclusive for \$5,703.58.

Highway Abstract #21, vouchers #241 through #248 inclusive for \$1,647.13.

E-Code updates: discussion.

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. to have General Codes codify Local Laws Nos. 1-2017, 2-2017, 3-2017, 1-2018 and 2-2018 including revisions to the Table of Contents, Disposition List and Index, for 10 sets of printed supplements not to exceed \$2,015.00 which includes shipping and handling. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Councilman Richard M Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018 as read. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch to approve the minutes of December 3, 2018 as corrected. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler advised the Board that members were needed for the Board of Review; The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. He asked the Board members how they wanted to get the word out: newspaper ad or a post card.

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow that a post card is sent out to residents informing them of openings on the planning board, zoning board and Board of Review. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

The Code Enforcement Officer's Junk Yard License Report was read by the Board. Mr. Gasparini recommended that the three junkyard licenses be renewed.

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch to renew the Junkyard Licenses of 1.) Scott Fisher for Flats Rd. Ext.: 2.) Robert O'Connell- B & B Garage-Rte. 385; 3.) John O. Rexford- Mud Lane all for one year. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

On the motion of Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. the following **RESOLUTION #2018-41** to increase the maximum income limit for the Senior Citizen Exemption and the Persons with Disabilities and limited incomes from \$27,500 to \$28,500 with the sliding scale was adopted. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1(Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Resident Douglas Lynch asked the Board if they had any information on Potic Mountain Solar. Supervisor Butler replied that they have not been in contact with our Board or the planning board.

Patrick Doyle of Flint Mine Solar handed out newer maps to the Board members showing areas where the proposed solar will be going. Discussion followed.

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 adjourned at 7:25 pm.