

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – August 20, 2018

The regular meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. on Monday August 20, 2018 at 7:00p.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. and Town Clerk Linda M. Stacey. (Highway Superintendent John Farrell was absent.)

The following people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Assessor Carol McBride; Barbara Trembacz; Theresa Cardinale; Michael Pirrone and Michael Campbell.

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

General Abstract #14, vouchers #310 through #321 inclusive for \$12,298.53.

Highway Abstract #13, vouchers #154 through #166 inclusive for \$97,692.00.

Capital Project H Abstract #9, voucher #21 for \$12,949.57.

RESOLUTION #2018-30- RE: + GREENE COUNTY RESOLUTION #225-18.

On the motion of Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow and seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini, Resolution to adopt the County bids for Highway Materials, Equipment, Supplies and Etc. Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 0
(Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano)

WHEREAS: The Greene County Legislature passed a resolution on August 20, 2018, authorizing any officer, Board or Agency located within the County of Greene, under section 408-A Materials, Equipment, Supplies Etc., for the year 2018, bid and contracted for by the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that this Town Board of the Town of Athens pursuant to section 103, Paragraph 3 of the General Municipal Law, participate in the purchase of Equipment, Supplies Etc., also Highway Materials as listed;

Black Top, Road Oil, Crushed Stone; Salt, Sand, Gas, Etc., Also Tires, Batteries, Etc. at the Bid and contracted price accepted by the County of Greene, for such Highway Materials, Equipment, Supplies, Etc., And be it further,

RESOLVED: That This Town Board of the Town of Athens assume the sole responsibility for the payment of such purchases made by the Superintendent of Highways, under this agreement. And be it further,

RESOLVED: That a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature of Greene County and the Greene County Superintendent of Highways, under this agreement. State of New York, County Of Greene, Town of Athens.

(Copies of the above resolution were sent to the Greene County Legislature and the Greene County Highway Superintendent.)

Board members reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. to approve the minutes of August 6, 2018 as read. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Rebecca Martin of the Riverkeeper, NY's clean water advocate sent Storm Surge barrier information to the Town. The also included possible language for resolutions against what the Army Corp of Engineers wants to do to stop the storm surges. This was tabled at this time.

Supervisor Butler informed the Board that he and Attorney Benedict would be meeting with someone from the Flint Mine Public Involvement Program Plan, on Thursday morning August 30th at 9 a.m. He advised the Board that he had room for one more person; Councilman Surrano stated that he would like to come.

Supervisor Butler spoke about CSX next. He stated that he wants reach out to Congressman John Faso regarding the trains blocking the Leeds Athens crossing for up to 55 minutes, while they wait for another train to come from the other direction. This cuts off Emergency Services from Athens, as RT 9W to Leeds Athens Road is the quickest way to get to the Village of Athens. The Emergency Service personnel are not notified of the ‘closure’, and this wastes valuable time.

On the motion of Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini the following **RESOLUTION #2010-31** was adopted; to use the revised Reval plan proposed by Robert Hilbert, and sign Commitment and return. Commitment is as follows:

Cost for 2018 \$2,500

2019 \$2,500

2020 \$4,000 (Generate town and village new values, review commercial inventory, and conduct disclosure meetings)

2021 2000 Reassessment Roll

The State will require, for a Reappraisal project, that data inventory and pictures be updated and completed over the years 2018 thru 2020. This task could be done at a cost of approximately \$3,000 each year performed by the Town to be considered for an approved project.

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

The Town will need to get data collectors.

Discussion followed on the sight distance coming out of Dollar General’s parking lot, due to the trees and shrubbery.

As there was no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.