

REGULAR MEETING- ATHENS TOWN BOARD- APRIL 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. on April 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following people were present: Supervisor Butler; Councilman Michael Ragaini; Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow; Councilman Anthony Paluch and Deputy Clerk Gail Stacey.

The following people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Assessor Carol McBride; Silas Basham; Larry Styles; Michael Pirrone; Mike Campbell and Sean McGrath.

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

GENERAL ABSTRACT #8, vouchers #161 through #170 inclusive for **\$6945.98**.

HIGHWAY ABSTRACT #7, vouchers #63 through #75 inclusive for **\$27,000.05**.

CAPITAL PROJECTS ABSTRACT #6, vouchers #12 through #15 inclusive for **\$121,344.39**.

Supervisor Robert F. Butler gave a report, given from Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell, on surplus equipment that was sold at the following amounts: 18 Ton Floor Jack- \$42.50; Generator- \$2375.00; Safe- \$200.00; Refrigerator- \$21.00.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion to accept sales report, seconded by Mary H. Brandow. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Surrano) Abstentions-0

Silas Basham addressed the Board in regards to obtaining a "Special Use" Permit for a short term rental in Sleepy Hollow since they can now rent for up to thirty days and that he falls within zoning guidelines. Supervisor Butler stated that Mr. Basham was a village resident in Sleepy Hollow and would need to speak with the Village Planning and Zoning Board. Councilman Ragaini explained what a special use permit was. Attorney Benedict stated that he would have to deal with Sleepy Hollow on the matter. He will be going to the Village with the issue.

Fireworks Permit for Sleepy Hollow was reviewed by the Board. All signatures were present.

Councilman Ragaini made a motion to accept, seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Surrano) Abstentions-0

Town Clerk Minutes for April 2, 2018 were reviewed by the Board.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion to accept, seconded by Mary H. Brandow. Ayes-4 (Butler; Ragaini; Brandow; Paluch) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Surrano) Abstentions-0

Office Time Line (Ownership of Town/Village Building) was discussed by Supervisor Butler. A Public Hearing is being scheduled for the beginning of October 2018 either at the Elementary School or the Athens Firehouse. It will be a joint hearing between the Village and Town. Supervisor Butler will be meeting with Mayor Peter Alberti to make the arrangements. He also stated that he was going to try to get the engineer to draw up some plans/sketches and possibly come to present them at the hearing. The Public Hearing would be left open for approximately 4 weeks for questions and answers. Looking at a January 1, 2019 transfer of ownership.

Highway Garage will be having an Open House, scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2018. Paving, guiderails, and sliding gate will be completed in May.

Supervisor Butler read resignation letter from Patrick Murphy to the Board. He resigns his position as West Athens-Limestone Fire Commissioner, effective Wednesday, April 11, 2018. Board members received a copy of the letter.

PESH annual training will be held on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Greene County Training Center in Cairo. Anyone wishing to attend can call the number at the bottom of the sheet that was given.

Department of Public Service letter in regards to the March snowstorms was discussed. Anyone who wishes to attend, dates/times/locations are on the sheet given.

Discussion on the Cyclical Revaluation continued from previous meetings. No decisions have been made on current plan. There is one more year left. Resubmission to the state would have to be made to amend current plan.

Assessor Carol McBride addressed the Board in regards to George Heller resigning his position on the Board of Assessment Review. The BOAR has only two people now. If there is anyone interested in filling the position, they must speak to Lynn Brunner and must take the training program to be eligible.

We would like to thank Mr. Heller for all his service on the BOAR.

With no further business to come before the Board, Supervisor Butler made a motion to go into Executive Session (7:25 p.m.), seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini.

8:00 p.m, motion to close Executive Session was given by Councilman Michael Ragaini, seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch.

8:05 p.m, meeting Adjourned with a motion made by Councilman Anthony Paluch and seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini.