

REGULAR MEETING - ATHENS TOWN BOARD – July 1, 2019

The regular meeting of Athens Town Board was called to order on July 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini; Mary Lou and Lloyd Zimmerman; Laura Bomyea; Gene and Janet Paluch; and Patrick Doyle of Flint Mine Solar.

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

June 17, 2019:

General Abstract #12, vouchers #244 through #255 inclusive for \$4,736.35.

Highway Abstract #12, vouchers #113 through #119 inclusive for \$11,710.36.

July 1, 2019:

General Abstract #13, vouchers #256 through #278 inclusive for \$8,759.52.

Highway Abstract #13, vouchers #120 through #129 inclusive for \$10,432.43.

Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini reported that there had been a complaint about 605 Green Lake Road (The Old Green Lake Resort), for 37 bags of garbage discarded in the woods on the property. He also notified DEC. He hasn't heard back from them yet.

He also reported that at 217 Farm to Market Road the owner has cleared an area for using off road motor cycles.

Mr. Gasparini has been working with property manager Audrey Lent in bringing Owen Lipstein's short term rental house at 216 Route 385 in compliance.

There were 6 building permits for June:

9 Building Inspections

4inquiries regarding building permits.

1 Certificate of Occupancy

1 Certificate of Compliance

3Certificates of Occupancy Search requests.

2 Demolition permits.

1 Septic permit and 1 sign permit.

Code Enforcement Officer Gasparini presented a Code Enforcement Fee Schedule for Board review. Supervisor Butler asked him to check with other Local Code Officers (Catskill, Coxsackie, Cairo and New Baltimore) to see what their building fees are.

Councilman Surrano advised Code Enforcement Officer Gasparini that North East Treaters has garbage all over at their site on Schoharie Turnpike, making it an eyesore.

Also he is concerned about a MJR sign put on property at Route 9W owned by Michael Ragaini Jr. without a building permit and fill being dumped in excess of 1000 yards, without a fill permit. Mr. Surrano asked Mr. Gasparini to check into this.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell reported that New York State approved Extreme Winter Funding and the Town received \$19,000 to add to the rollover balance of \$5,000, towards CHIPS projects.

Highway Superintendent Farrell informed the Board that the mower they have been using is 25 years old. It would probably take about \$1,800 worth of parts to fix it. He has a quote for a new mower at \$7,518.00 and they could keep the old one for parts.

Quotes were received from:

Tracey Road Equipment, Inc. in Albany. Sourcewell Price \$7,518.00. (Alamo 88" Flail Mower).

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Capital Tractor, Inc. of Greenwich, NY- an Alamo 88” Flail Mower Source Well less 15% for \$8,779.75.

Diamond Mowers/Hudson River Tractor of Chatham, NY- a John Deere 40” boom w/ 90” offset 3 point Hitch Flail Mower – Sourcewell=\$15,493.00.

On the motion of Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow that the following **RESOLUTION #2019-25** be adopted as follows: That Highway Superintendent Farrell be authorized to purchase an Alamo 88” Super Heavy Duty Flail Mower 20.5” Offset with 40Z Extreme Service Knives from Tracey Road Equipment, Inc. in Albany.

Sourcewell Pricing: List Less 15%

List: \$8,222 less 15% =\$6,988.70

Freight In: \$529.30 Total Sourcewell Price: **\$7,518.00**

The highway department would keep the old mower for parts.

Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0

The highway crew has been blacktop patching on Flats Road; Vosenkill Road; Thorpe Road; High Hill Road and Schoharie Turnpike.

Garage Maintenance: Highway Superintendent Farrell received a quote for painting the roof of the main sand shed. The quote is for \$9,200.00, the Grant was only for \$8,000.00.

Mr. Farrell asked the Board what their feelings were on his purchasing a new loader. He would move on State Aid and use what was in the budget reserves, and feels that this should cover it.

Supervisor Butler stated that he would speak with Bookkeeper Strenka about the reserves.

Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell reported that there was an accident with one of the Town trucks in Hudson. Hudson Police and our insurance company were called. The truck stopped at a red light and rolled back a little, hitting another vehicle. The hitch on back of truck left a scratch on the hood of the vehicle, which was very close.

The Supervisor’s Report was reviewed by the Board.

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch to accept the Supervisor’s Report as presented. 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 accept the Town Clerk’s Report as presented. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch to accept the minutes of June 3, 2019 as read. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0

The Board members received copies of April 10, 2019 Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes for review.

The Board received copies of April 25, 2019 minutes Planning Board for Review.

Laura Bomyea and Patrick Doyle of Flint Mine Solar and Attorney Benedict: Discussed Light Industrial; and Mixed Use Commercial Zones- and Article X.

August 19th will be the Informational Meeting at EJ Arthur Elementary School.

September 23 will be the Public Hearing at the EJ Arthur Elementary School.

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Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch that the properties outlined on the map to be mixed use commercial. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0

Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. made a motion seconded by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. to go into Executive Session for a Personnel issue. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0 Time: 8:30 pm

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0 Time :8:51pm

As there was no further business to come before the meeting **Councilman Anthony Paluch** **made a motion** seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. Ayes-4 (Butler; Brandow; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-1 (Ragaini) Abstentions-0 Time: 8:51 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.