

REGULAR MEETING – ATHENS TOWN BOARD – February 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order on February 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr. 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 Assessor Carol McBride; Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini; Steve Rowland; Tina DeBellegarde; Larry Styles; Barbara Trembacz and Edward Bloomer.

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

General Abstract #3, vouchers #46 through #69 inclusive for \$387,527.37.

Highway Abstract #3, vouchers #178 through #30 inclusive for \$17,319.83.

**Steven Rowland** of Butler, Rowland, Mays Architects, LLP of Ballston Spa, presented floorplans for the main floor and the second floor of the “new” Athens Town Hall. Board members reviewed the plans and asked questions, which Mr. Rowland and Supervisor Butler answered.

Discussion followed.

We have to go before the Village planning board; however Ryan /Biggs will do the site survey. Mr. Rowland will contact them.

There will be a joint meeting of the Village and Town Boards in the near future.

**Assessor Carol McBride** reported that all Exemptions have a deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>. She is sending out reminder letters to those in the Exemption Programs to file before it is too late. There is a new message on the answering machine, stating field review is in progress and to schedule an appointment to see her.

**Code Enforcement Officer Albert Gasparini** reported receiving various calls about properties being allowed storage buildings.

Infinity Energy Service asking about property for use for solar farm. The area is Open Space and Rural Residential, and the person was directed to Our Online Codes.

One Temporary Certificate of Occupancy and one Certificate of Compliance were issued.

He attended two fire calls: 1 at 503 Flats Road for the smell of electrical wires. (A toaster oven was the problem.) The second one was at 8588 Route 9W which was for House damage from a passenger vehicle.

**Violation**: He visited the property at 17 Buttermilk Fall Road. The Renter had no heat. This was a request from Child Protective Services, who he met at the property.

He met with Owen Lipstein at Shakespeare on the Hudson property.

**Highway Superintendent John J. Farrell** reported that the highway crew has been doing tree work on Potic Mountain for 4 days.

There have been 6 snow events.

Vehicle #3 has been serviced. Snowplows have been washed and greased between snow events.

They spent 2 days checking all Town Roads.

Truck #6 broke down and had to be towed to Ben Funk’s. It was an electrical problem.

Helped Village fix spinner on snowplow after someone hit it. Pushed back Village Roads for them. Truck #3 hauled snow in Village.

200 tons of salt was ordered.

Truck #3 needs a new rear end bushing which will cost \$2,100-\$2,400.

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Mr. Farrell informed the Board that he is looking outside for funding for a new loader.

A Public hearing to be held March 4, 2019 for a new Law.

**Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr.** made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini *to approve the minutes of January 21, 2019 as read.* Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

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

Supervisor Butler asked if there was any more business to come before the meeting.

Councilman Paluch asked if the Town could put Free Solar on the roof of the New Highway Building.

Supervisor Butler informed him that the roof isn't strong enough.

Councilman Paluch asked if it could be put somewhere else. (There are other places they could be put.)

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.