The regular meeting of the Athens Town Board was called to order by Supervisor Robert F. Butler, Jr., on April 17, 2017, at 7:02 pm 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.

These people were also present: Attorney Virginia Benedict; Fran McCusker; and Bob Abromaitis and Paul Rouis of Ryan Biggs /Clark Davis Engineering.

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

General Abstract #7, vouchers #260 through #276 inclusive for $2,643.71.

Highway Abstract #7, vouchers #69 through #79 inclusive for $12, 654.42.

Engineers Bob Abromaitis and Paul Rouis presented the new addition plans for the Town garage including the existing building. All new areas and changes were pointed out. They informed the Board that all wires are going to be underground, there will be a new gate and they will extend the paving for parking. There will be a sprinkler system in the new building. There will be one dedicated bay to work on equipment. Equipment will be backed into bays from both side of garage, so nothing will need to be moved. The buildings will have a unified appearance.

They are looking at the month of May for contractors- and will want 4 prime contractors.

The minutes of April 3rd were reviewed by the Board.

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. *to approve the minutes of April 3, 2017 as read and corrected*. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

The Town Board audited the Town Clerk’s Cash Book.

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Michael Ragaini

*to approve the Town Clerk’s Cash Book as presented*. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Supervisor Butler informed the Board that the New Handbooks have been handed out to employees.

Supervisor Butler advised the Board that regarding giving Mount Hope Cemetery more money, we wouldn’t be able to use the money left over in the Bicentennial Fund.

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. to *donate $1,000 to Mount Hope Cemetery for expenses*. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0

Discussion was held regarding training between the Dog Control Officer and the Village Police.

It was decided that Councilman Ragaini would set up a meeting with Sherry Vieta and the Village Police to go over the Village boundaries and the things she can and can’t do.

Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow made a motion seconded by Councilman Anthony Paluch to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Time: 8:12 pm

Councilman Anthony Paluch made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Mary H. Brandow to close the Executive Session and reconvene the regular session. Ayes-5 (Butler; Brandow; Ragaini; Paluch; Surrano) Noes-0 Absent-0 Abstentions-0 Time: 8:45pm

Councilman Michael Ragaini made a motion seconded by Councilman Richard M. Surrano, Jr. to give George Holsopple until May 22, to see what the Dr. says , and how he feels.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at: 8:46 pm