

VILLAGE OF ATHENS BOARD MEETING
AGENDA – March 25, 2020

Pledge to the Flag.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Resolution Approving Abstracts

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves payment of the vouchers as presented on Abstracts:

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of vote:

2. Proposed Resolution Opposing Article 23

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board implores the governor to remove this amendment from the present budget proposal and supports the efforts of the Village to continue to properly regulate renewable energy projects that are proposed in our community (complete Resolution attached):

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of vote:

3. Proposed Resolution regarding Discovery and Distribution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board opposes the discovery and distribution of personal information of First Responders to criminal defendants in order to protect the safety and privacy of First Responders (complete Resolution attached);

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of vote:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Greene County Legislature. Re: State of Emergency Declaration- Executive Order #1 of 2020. COVID-19.
2. NYS Public Service Commission. Re: CASE 10-T-0139. Notice postponing information forums and public statement hearings.
3. NYS Board on Electrical Generation Siting and the Environment. CASE 17-F-0619. HECATE Energy Greene 2 LLC and HECATE Energy Greene 3 LLC
Ruling adopting amended protective order.
4. Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District. Re: NYSDEC Endorsed 4 hour Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Training. June 16th 2020.
5. Capital Bicycle Racing Club. Re: Cancellation.
6. Rivertown Housing Development Fund Company, Inc. Re: Thank you.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tentative Budget sent to all VB members.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Comprehensive Plan update

ADJOURNMENT:

Offered by:

Seconded by:

Record of vote:

RESOLUTION Z

WHEREAS; New York State Constitution and the Municipal Home Rule Law grant local autonomy to municipalities, particularly in the area of local land use regulation, due to the particular and unique understanding of the most appropriate local legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Athens like many small Villages has worked diligently engaging residents to develop local land use laws that reflect the acceptance of the majority of local landowners and are consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, these local laws have taken into consideration the best value of the Village's open space, river front development and revitalization regulations that would assist local boards in the proper siting for renewable energy projects that are proposed within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village understands there is a proposed amendment contained in the 2020 budget that create a new commission that will remove the authority of local boards to regulate future projects; and

WHEREAS, this proposal was introduced in a manner that precludes local municipalities from properly analyzing the proposal, and the Village objects to the inclusion of major policy initiatives in the state budget; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Athens implores the governor to remove this amendment from the present budget proposal and supports the efforts of the Village to continue to properly regulate renewable energy projects that are proposed in our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Village Clerk, the Clerk of the Greene County Legislature; the NYS Assembly, the NYS Senate and the NYS Governor's Office.

RESOLUTION 3

WHEREAS, the NYS Bail Reform Act additions contains a provision that allows criminal defendants to discover the personal information of First Responders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is opposed to such distribution and discovery due to the safety and personal privacy of First Responders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Athens hereby opposes the discovery and distribution of personal information of First Responders to criminal defendants in order to protect the safety and privacy of First Responders in the Village of Athens and throughout the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Village Clerk, the Clerk of the Greene County Legislature; the NYS Assembly, the NYS Senate and the NYS Governor's Office.