

ATHENS TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Session – February 3, 2015
Athens Town Hall

The Athens Town Council met in regular session at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in the Athens Town Hall.

Members present were Carol Bard, Roger Lokay, Timothy Pike, Joseph Manzo, John David Smith, and Lynne White.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council approved the January 20, 2015 minutes without objection.

CITIZENS INPUT

None.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS QUARTERLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Public Safety

Officer C.T. Lowe presented the Public Safety Department report, a copy of which is attached.

OLD BUSINESS

Arts and Beautification Committee – Bard reported that the Arts and Beautification Committee, in consultation with the artist, selected a location for the Town commissioned art. The location is in the Town Park adjacent to the post office, approximately between the memorial flags and the wooden arbor.

Economic Development – Manzo reported on the array of businesses he and his committee have contacted regarding possible location or relocation to the Town. Several businesses chose not to locate to Athens; although a few businesses are planning to get back with Manzo.

Website Committee – Continuing to gather information and reviewing sites and providers.

Structural Engineer's Report – In addition to the progress of the improvements reported at the January 20 meeting:

- Repaired rotted area in bathroom;
- Painted in office, bathroom, and hallway;
- Installed two structural supports to restore some strength from cutout area in upstairs and doorway to steps;
- Removed all loose wiring upstairs; left light at bottom of stairs.

Pike volunteered to get quotes to remediate any possible remaining wiring issues.

Town Hall requirements –

The Town Hall Adhoc Committee met at 6:00 p.m., and discussed possible floor plan options for a 45-foot by 45-foot structure, which could fit, on the town-owned property adjacent to the Post Office. These are attached. The consensus of this Committee, including the focus of the structure, will be reported to Council with options for floor plans.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – Council discussed the Town budget including short-term and long-term needs. White will check with other towns regarding several issues of the budgeting process.

Election/Poll Workers – The deadline for filing as a candidate for election is the first Tuesday in April (April 7, 2015). The Town election will be held the second Tuesday in June (June 9, 2015). Council approved the following poll workers; Dr. Dave Bard, Ms. Sharon Manzo, Ms. Pam White, Ms. Nancy Hodges, Ms. Brenda Whittinghill (or Ms. Beatty). These represent a poll commissioner, poll clerks, and alternates.

OTHER BUSINESS, MAYORAL REPORTS, COUNCIL MEMBER INPUT

Council discussed the Town revenue and the issue of B & O vs. sales tax. Pike will investigate how other towns handle sale taxes.

Bard requested that Council review the resolution needed by Region I regarding Town priorities. Smith will send the resolution to Council members.

APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS (Action on Accounts)

On a motion by Pike, seconded by Lokay, and by 4-0 vote, the Council approved the current bills, which are available for review in the Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Nothing further appearing, Pike made a motion to adjourn, White seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carol Bard, Mayor

John David Smith, Recorder