

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
August 30, 2017 7 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Supervisors also present were Ron Reagan, Christine Vough, George Ballenstedt and Susan Seck. Solicitor John Thompson, Treasurer Ruth Casterline, and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance. Cheryl led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Voice of the Residents: None

Dave Steinfelt was present for the fire company (ATVFC). He said they had made a request 2-3 months ago for Act 13 money for their air packs that are expiring. They have replaced all but 18, and request \$18,000 for this purpose. He said they have been doing a lot of training. They had a chicken barbecue at the Henry Dunn lot and sold out. They are having another Sportsman's Night on September 23<sup>rd</sup> – tickets are available for \$30 each. They are super busy with calls – 149 to date – and need drivers to get trucks to the scenes during the daytime calls.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks Commission. The road in Round Top Park needs to be resurfaced. Ron said the roads in general are awful, adding that Round Top Park Road should be one of the best roads in the township. Spencer Dekay has completed his Eagle Project of installing a flagpole at Tozer's Landing Boat Launch. Insinger has been told to come back to reseed the areas that haven't grown. The playground area is finally ready for the Sayre and Athens Rotary clubs to come and install the playground equipment. They are waiting for Bryon Clymer to install the electric service. Once that is done, Tri County Electric can come and hook up the transformer. The oak lumber for 19 picnic tables was donated by Secrist Lumber. The tables were built at the home of Steven Bean. He planed the lumber and built all the templates. Tables were assembled there by volunteers and taken to Round Top where they will be painted. Solid Ground Services has not started work on Phase III yet. They plan to start October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Phase I needs to be completed by January or February of 2018.

Richard asked when Round Top Road can be done? Christine asked if we can get on a list to be scheduled. Susan said we are far behind on our own roadwork, too. Christine said she doesn't want to miss an opportunity because we can't get it done. Ron said people are driving on the lower ballfield and asked Richard if guard rails or big rocks could be placed around it to keep vehicles off. Richard said that could be done, but he wants to get through the 3-phase expansion project and then see what money they have left.

Dave Steinfelt said the Ag kids at the high school can do/help with projects. National Honor Society kids, Eagle Scouts, etc. can also help. Dave said Richard and the guys do an incredible job at the park. He is glad to see the improvements. He agrees with Ron about the road – when he drives up there with his ¾-ton pickup you really have to hang on when you drive on it. He also added these guys don't get enough thanks for what they do.

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On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to pay the monthly bills as presented. A complete list of revenues and expenditures is on file in the Treasurer's office.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to purchase a stand-alone computer for the financial software from Kai Pan Consulting in the amount of \$849. This will be paid for from account number 402.50.

Clif Cheeks presented the Williams Toyota Phase II for preliminary plan approval only. They have received Bradford County Conservation District approval. John Thompson has the executed Ownership & Maintenance Agreement and will see Robin gets that for the file. The only 2 outstanding items are:

- 1) PennDOT HOP not issued/received yet
- 2) No owner's signature on the plans

On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to grant preliminary approval ONLY to this land development, contingent upon the resolution of these 2 items above.

Robin presented information from the Chamber of Commerce. They have reached out to us to become a member at a cost of \$250/year. Discussion was held. This was tabled until our September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Cheryl had a letter from FEMA re: a September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with them to review flood map revisions for our township. Robin suggested Ed attend since he is our floodplain manager. On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to send Ed Reid to this meeting.

Our first budget workshop was set for September 20, 2017 at 6 PM.

Robin explained that Bradford County Planning and Mapping will be doing the 2020 Census at the county level, and that will include Athens Township. We could do it on our own, but with them already doing it, we can just work with them. On motion of George, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to have the County do our 2020 Census.

Robin presented the Adopt-A-Road report for King Road, by the "Friends of King Road". They (2 volunteers) did their cleanup on July 29<sup>th</sup> and collected 4 bags of trash, 2 bags of recyclables, and 1 TV in approximately 2-1/2 hours. The Board thanks them very much!

The Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Update committee minutes were presented. They continue to look for members to sit on the committee, and also have a survey available online if you want to have input.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to ratify John's communication with the appropriate DEP representatives to investigate the status of the Athens Township Landfill.

Susan said they have an agenda for the roads. The money is thin, but we have a full crew. Cole Street is done. One driveway needs attention, but it's on schedule. The McKinney Hill Road project is coming along well. On motion of Susan, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to send the new crew members to the Dirt and Gravel Road Program Municipality Day on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to 3 PM, and to send others at her discretion. There is a fee of \$50/person. Susan will register whoever will go.

Susan said Pump Station Hill Road, Meadowlark Drive and Highland Drive are scheduled to start the tar and chip on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. She will confirm the dates to Robin tomorrow so she can alert the press and EMS. Chris Sutton fixed the tractor with the wheel off and it's up and running. Truck 7 has broken springs that are being replaced at Furman and Jones. They are using the water truck for salt brine and Susan wants Decatur's to do the crown rust inhibitor (\$200) and the Board is okay with that. Cheryl said we should be trying to do preventative maintenance. Robin asked if she was going to do more trucks and Susan wants to look into that.

Robin said we need a motion to do Pump Station Hill Road, Meadowlark Drive and Highland Drive. Ron said our township roads are crap. Reagan Road and Sunnyfield Drive are a disaster. Susan said your road was an afterthought this year. Cheryl said we have to drive on the wrong side of the road. Susan said we're doing budget in September. Christine said the mowing needs to also be done because it's a safety issue.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it passed to approve the minutes of June 28, 2017 as written. Ron and Cheryl abstained as they were not here for that meeting.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it passed to approve the minutes of July 26, 2017 as written. Christine abstained as she was not here for that meeting.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to accept the monthly reports as presented.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to give our fire company the \$18,000 they requested to replace their air packs that are expiring. This will come from our newest Act 13 check.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to allow the school to put a Rusty Rail Collection Box in our lobby.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Sayre High School will be holding an electronics recycling day at the high school on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Tom VanFleet presented a request for a \$500 donation to the Sirens for Santa program. Our police department does this at Christmas in conjunction with Sayre PD. They work with the Sayre and Athens School Districts to provide 'Christmas' to needy kids and their families. There are no sign-ups, as they reach out to the schools, members of the community, CYS, Foster Care, etc. to find specific children and families in need. Sirens for Santa provides jeans, shirts, age-appropriate toys, gift cards for groceries, etc., and they purchase everything locally. Tom said in 2015 they helped 4 families (13 children) with their donations of \$752. In 2016 they helped 11 families (26 children) with their donations of \$2,390. They do accept donations of toys and money from anyone wishing to donate. This year they are going to try to include new smoke alarms for each family. On motion of Cheryl, second by Christine, it was unanimous to donate \$500 to Sirens for Santa.

Cheryl took the Board into executive session at 8:53 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The secretary was excused at this time. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:31 PM.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to reappoint John Baird to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire September 9, 2020.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to have John file an appeal to the Pelachik decision.

On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to participate in the class action settlement of suit filed in the US District Court, Middle District of Florida, Civil Action 2:15-cv-00793.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith  
Athens Township Secretary

