

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

October 25, 2017 7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Ronald Reagan. Supervisors also present were Christine Vough, George Ballenstedt and Susan Seck. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance. Cheryl Wood-Walter was absent. Ron led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Voice of the Residents: None

No one was present from the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks and Recreation Commission. John Spencer will be installing new signs on Round Top for his Eagle Scout project. Tri-County Electric has installed the new service for the park expansion. Solid Ground Services has started work. The trail has been cleared and the mulch is being put down. Vought Construction will do the concrete work for the playground equipment tomorrow. Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce held a benefit auction for our work on Round Top. Richard will be meeting with DCNR Tuesday concerning the grant for the motorized trails on Round Top. The grant does not require any matching funds. Bradford County Action clients started work Monday on Round Top. They work 20 hours per week. Barry's last day will be November 17th, or as long as he has work for Bradford County Action volunteers. Round Top closes November 18, 2017. Water will be turned off October 31st. We will open the park after deer season when there is enough snow on the ground for cross country skiing.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to approve the payment of the monthly bills as presented. A complete list of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer. On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to accept the payroll schedule for 2018/2019 as presented. On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the payment of the Manufacturer & Business Association invoice.

Scot Saggiomo presented the Theresa Smith/Patrick Sullivan 2-lot subdivision for review. Lot A is to become part and parcel to the adjacent lot of Richard C. Schmidt II and Barbara J. Schmidt, located on Sullivan Drive in Queen Esther Estates. Planning Commission recommends preliminary and final plan approval. All deficiencies have been met. On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval to this subdivision.

Sayre Used Auto Sales has never submitted a plan to be formally reviewed. On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to grant a 90-day extension from today (expires January 23, 2018) for the submission of their land development for formal review, with the stipulation that no more extensions will be granted.

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On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to reappoint Ron Reagan to the Planning Commission for a term to expire October 30, 2021.

John Thompson will contact Mark Snyder of Topp Business Solutions regarding document storage.

On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the revision of the mortality table for both pension plans as recommended by our actuary, John Vargo of Conrad Siegel.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to release the funds to the Spalding Memorial Library.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to ratify the advertising for a Heavy Equipment Operator to replace Gene Millard whose last day was yesterday.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the purchase of a new township laptop for \$899 as per Kai Pan Consulting quote #8008.

On motion of George, second by Ron, it was unanimous to refund the \$30 zoning permit fee that was paid by United Way for their event in Round Top Park.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to allow the office employees to use one of their vacation days for December 26th (if they wish to), even if it means the office will be closed.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the Bradford County Humane Society contract for 2018 in the amount of \$1,312.75.

On motion of Christine, second by Ron, it was unanimous to approve George Ballenstedt's fire police application for ATVFC. George abstained as it is his application.

No action was taken regarding a notary for the township.

Susan reported for the public works department. We need CDL drivers. Gene left yesterday, and Randy will be leaving in January. Susan got together with Darrin and Jim from Vestal Asphalt to get tar and chip prices for 2018.

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On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of September 27th and October 4, 2017 as written.

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Vice Chairman Reagan took the Board into executive session at 7:45 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 11:15 PM.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to authorize John Thompson to file a response to the Pelachick lawsuit.

On motion of George, second by Ron, it was unanimous to authorize John Thompson to file preliminary objections, if warranted, to any attempt to reinstate or otherwise pursue the Real Estate Assessment Appeal of the VA Clinic.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Athens Township Secretary