

Athens Township Authority
December 18, 2017

Chairman, Terry Depew at 5:30 p.m., called meeting to order. Members also present were Arlene Lantz and Jason Rogers.

Motion by Depew, seconded by Lantz to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting as written. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Lantz, seconded by Rogers to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting as written. Motion was unanimous.

CITIZENS

Steve Sumner from Gannon Insurance presented the 2019 insurance package from Selective. Everything stays the same as last year. The equipment was reviewed. Price for 2018 will be \$12,053. Motion by Rogers, seconded by Lantz to approve the insurance as presented.

FINANCIAL

Motion by Lantz, seconded by Rogers to approve the payment of following presented bills that total \$161,895.67. Motion was unanimous.

Aqua Pa. Water	\$141.54
Borough of Sayre (Pump Station Share)	\$142,787.24
Bradco Supply	\$24.00
C & N Bank (Customer NSF Check)	\$44.00
Diamond Communication Solutions	\$500.63
Empire Access	\$36.07
Fagan Engineers	\$2,889.96
Gannon Associates	\$375.00
Hal Fish heating & Air Condition	\$140.00
Horton Electric Motor Service, Inc.	\$1,648.00
Lohmann's Utility Locating, LLC	\$5,500.00
Mattson's Bucket Service	\$625.00
Niemiec, Smith & Pellingier	\$28.68
Penelec	\$1,149.13
Robinson Contracting & Landscaping	\$170.00
Vacri Construction Corp.	\$5,226.00
Valley Energy	<u>\$110.52</u>
TOTAL	\$151,895.67

Resolution #12-18-2017-01 was presented, raising the tap in fee to \$5,500 per unit. Motion by Lantz, seconded by Depew to approve resolution raising the tap in fees to \$5,500 per unit effective January 1, 2018. Motion was unanimous.

Motion by Depew, seconded by Rogers to approve resolution 12-18-2017-02, raising the Pump Permit cost from \$120 to \$150 per permit effective January 1, 2018. Motion was unanimous.

Discussion followed about the increase in monthly sewer fees. Rates have to be raised due to loss in EDU's, increase in operation and maintenance costs. ATA raised rates before the Valley Joint Sewer Authority started their reconstruction of their treatment plant and we have sustained since then. There is not any development proposed now for additional EDU's. Motion by Rogers, seconded by Lantz to approve resolution 12-18-2017-03, increasing the sewer rates from \$44 per EDU to \$50 per EDU for residential and \$50 per every 5,400 gallons of water per month for commercial users, effective 1/1/2018. Motion was unanimous. Customers will be notified of the sewer fee changes by post card. The February bill will have the increase user fee.

The 2018 budget was reviewed with the changes in the fees that were adopted. The 2018 budget is \$1,130,500.00. Motion by Depew, seconded by Roger to adopt the 2018 budget as presented. Motion was unanimous.

MAINTENANCE

Lohmann discussed a problem over on Meadowlark Drive of an air release manhole being paved over. In order to locate the force main, the wires inside the manhole need to be connected to the line locator, but they are unable to do that. In addition, there were pipes with the wires attached thru out the easement and along the force main in the Cole property and someone has removed them. The brush is very thick in the easement that also needs to be cut down. When they had a Pa. One Call, they are not able to locate the force main. Authority approved getting the brush cut down come spring and Chairman Depew will speak with Township Supervisors regarding the paving over the manhole on Meadowlark.

LEGAL

A collection judgment lien was filed against the Lee property on Wilawana Road, Hall property on McDuffee Street, Welch property in Greenes Landing and the Coombs property on Wilawana Road, for all delinquent fees.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Lantz, seconded by Rogers to close the Capital checking account and transfer the balance of \$1,977.19 into the General Fund. Motion was unanimous.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valorie L. Huckabee
Secretary