

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
February 28, 2018 7:00 PM

Chairman Christine Vough called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, Kirstie Lake and George Ballenstedt. New Supervisor, Tressa Heffron was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Solicitor John Thompson was also in attendance. George Ballenstedt is taking the minutes for Robin Smith, who is at a Resolutions Committee meeting at PSATS in Enola. Chairman Vough led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The bids for fuel were opened at this time and were as follows:

	<u>87 octane gasoline</u>	<u>LSDiesel fuel</u>
Mirabito Energy	\$1.9681/gallon	\$2.2076/gallon
WOC Energy	\$1.9354/gallon	\$2.1998/gallon

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to award the bid for both fuel products to WOC Energy.

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. There are 2 Eagle Scout projects in the works. Chris Davis attended the Parks meeting to discuss the possibility of a Dog Park. The picnic tables have been moved into the new pavilion. They should hear about the trail grant sometime in March. Round Top is closed now, but will be open when there is enough snow on the ground to cross-country ski. Money has been donated for the signage for the Jim Haggerty Trail. We have a new gatekeeper, Don McCutcheon, who will start on May 12<sup>th</sup> when Round Top opens for the season. He will be driving the park truck and was given a job description. On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to hire Donald McCutcheon as gate keeper at \$20/day worked, and minimum wage for other park cleanup and activities. The star has been taken down and needs to be moved back to the township building. Barry will start work on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Park inspection will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM – they will meet at Tozer’s Landing. Richard would like Robin to arrange for inmates April 16 – 27, if they are available, to help with cleaning and maintenance.

Next was Planning Commission. Chris Kambar from APD Engineering & Architecture presented the Aldi’s Expansion plan for 2756 Elmira Street. They will be expanding 20 ft. on the long side closest to Elmira Street. They will add an additional row. It will be a full remodel on the inside with LED lights, etc. Zoning Hearing Board approved a variance on the sign, growing 14 sq. ft. No change to stormwater. They’ll add one quad head and one dual head LED light post & a few lights on front of the building. They will be closed for 5 weeks during the process. They hope to start the beginning of summer.

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Deficiencies to be resolved are as follows:

- 1) Label the setback
- 2) Add lighting to the plan with lumens
- 3) Need owner's signature on the plans

On motion of Susan, second by Christine, it was unanimous to grant preliminary approval ONLY to the Aldi's land development, contingent upon the resolution of all deficiencies.

On motion of Susan, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to pay the monthly bills as presented. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the Supplemental Engineering Agreement for the Thomas Avenue Bridge Replacement Project.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to cast our vote for Marlene Rohe as GVCC Business Person of the Year.

On motion of Susan, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the Copy Source color service maintenance agreement.

On motion of Susan, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to table the signing/approving of the Topps Business Solutions lease pending John Thompson's review of pricing and end-of-lease purchase options.

The Board set the date of March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM to walk the Blanchard canal weighlock property.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to purchase a handheld portable radio for Susan for road crew use as per quote from Keystone Communications dated February 23, 2018 in the amount of \$635.59, to be paid for out of the Public Works Equipment budget.

Ed Reid has requested an increase of \$100 to his \$250/yr. clothing allowance. Kirstie will meet with Ed regarding the justification and also consider a clothing allowance for Cindy. On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to approve a \$250 clothing allowance for Ed now, with an increase up to \$350 in the future based on Kirstie meeting with Ed to discuss the need to go to \$350.

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The Board discussed reorganization after Ron Reagan's resignation. On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to appoint Christine as Chairman. On motion of George, second by Kirstie it was unanimous to appoint Susan as Vice Chairman. Christine then assigned Ron's committees: Tressa will take Planning and Zoning, and Susan will take Office, Building and Grounds.

Chairman Vough took the Board into executive session at 8:04 PM for personnel. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:25 PM.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to authorize Roger Clink to make an offer of sponsorship to Tyler Young to attend the Act 120 Municipal Police Academy full-time at Lackawanna College commencing March 12, 2018, conditioned upon Tyler's and the Township's acceptance of the MOA, including hiring of the cadet upon graduation; you will reimburse Tyler for his eye/physical/psychological exams and pay half his tuition upon his arrival at the academy on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Board appointed George to fill Ron Reagan's vacancy on both pension boards.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to remove Ron from our bank accounts.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it passed to have Robin prepare a resolution to appoint Christine as signatory on the township bank accounts to replace Ron Reagan. Christine abstained.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to set the date of Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM for Road Inspection. Robin will advertise and notify Tressa.

Susan reported on roads. There is a lot of mud and we have a lot of potholes now. Waiting for the weather to get better to develop plan to repair roads. Crew doing a good job given the conditions.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26, 2018 with a change to the February 26<sup>th</sup> minutes regarding Ron's resignation.

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

Correspondence was read over as listed in the meeting agenda.

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Read a letter to the Board from ATA Chairman Terry Depew regarding working together on paving projects so that they don't cover ATA's manholes.

Chairman Vough took the Board into executive session at 8:52 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:48 PM.

There being no further business, on motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George Ballenstedt  
Supervisor