

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Special Meeting 5 PM March 14, 2018

Supervisor George Ballenstedt called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors also present were Kirstie Lake and Tressa Heffron. Christine Vough arrived at 5:08 PM. Susan Seck was unable to attend. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also present.

The fuel contract was signed.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to advise Guthrie that the township has no issues with them allowing Tioga County Emergency Management to locate 3 antennas on the Guthrie tower in Round Top Park to improve emergency communications with the Valley area.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to approve, sign, and execute the Topps Business Solutions Sales Order Agreement dated March 8, 2018 in the amount of \$21,998.99 for the copiers, servers and equipment, and the Digital Drawer software.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to have Ruth cut a check in the amount of \$21,998.99 to Topp Business Solutions per their Sales Order Agreement dated 3/8/2018; to have the check ready for pick-up on Friday morning; and to take the money from the Act 13 Fund.

Richard Bean had asked Robin to check with John Thompson to see if there was anything new on Empire Access. There is nothing new at this time.

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to remove Ronald Reagan from all township checking accounts at C & N Bank and M & T Bank, as a signatory; to replace him with Christine Vough; to leave Robin Smith and Ruth Casterline on all accounts; and to pass RESOLUTION 2018-04 to complete the process for M & T Bank. Robin will make arrangements with C & N Bank as we will need to physically go to the bank to sign.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to approve clothing allowances for Ed Reid and Cindy Parrish of up to \$350 each for 2018 for work clothing.

The Board will meet here at the building on March 19th (road inspection) at 5:30 PM and on March 28th (Blanchard property) at 5:45 PM to take the township vehicle for their inspections.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, 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,

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including hiring of the cadet upon graduation; to reimburse Tyler for his eye/physical/psychological exams upon submission of a paid receipt; to reimburse Tyler for his COBRA up to \$700/month upon submission of a paid receipt until he is covered under the township insurance after hire; to pay him a monthly stipend of \$2,600/month to be paid during such time as Cadet remains enrolled full-time, in good standing, at Lackawanna College in pursuit of his Act 120 Certification; to pay his tuition as specified in the Police Academy Payment Plan dated 3-12-2018; and to require Tyler to abide by the agreement he signed with Athens Township on March 9, 2018 including employment with Athens Township for a minimum of 5 years after graduation in the capacity as a regular police officer.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to pay for Tyler Young's Cadet uniforms necessary for the Academy.

Robin reported on the March 13, 2018 meeting with PennDOT representatives and Borton-Lawson Engineering representatives regarding the Thomas Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. Notice to Proceed has been issued to Borton-Lawson to begin preliminary design. PennDOT also stated they have bundled two of our township bridges – one on Round Top Road over Murray Creek (#0002) and one on Murray Creek Road over Murray Creek (#0003) – into a project with some of their bridges and will be replacing the bridge decks, etc., at no cost to the township.

John Thompson advised Kirstie that Roger has been following up on her request to look into a School Resource Officer and he is hopeful.

Tressa received an email from the "Friends of Valley Playland" who are asking for a Letter of Support from the Township. Robin asked Tressa to forward the information to the office and she will draft the letter.

Robin will contact Kai about creating a township email address for both George and Christine.

John Thompson will be contacting Jerry Peterson with regards to the landfill.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Athens Twp. Secretary

