

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
August 7, 2018 6 PM Special Meeting

Chairwoman Christine Vough called the special meeting to order at 6:19 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, George Ballenstedt, Tressa Heffron and Kirstie Lake. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING
Lamar Advertising, Inc., LLP

Chairwoman Vough recessed the special meeting at 6:20 PM to hold a Conditional Use Hearing for Lamar Advertising, Inc., LP. Present for Lamar Advertising were Brendan Kavanagh, Real Estate Manager; Michael Beiter, Vice President and General Manager; and their attorney, James Casale, Esq. of Casale and Bonner, PC. Stenographer Caitlyn Shaylor took the record for the hearing. Lamar Advertising is proposing to replace a smaller sign with a billboard sign on property located along the east side of State Route 220 in Athens Township on parcel number 09-033.00-114-000-000 owned by Joan Macafee. There were no residents/opponents in attendance. Testimony was taken. The Board went into executive session for deliberation at 6:40 PM and the hearing was reconvened at 6:47 PM. On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve the billboard application with two conditions: 1) The billboard will not be illuminated; and 2) The billboard will be constructed in compliance with the plan submitted tonight. On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to conclude the hearing at 6:45 PM.

Chairwoman Vough RECONVENED THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 6:49 PM.

Tony Robbins from Williams Ford was in to request the closure of Bressler Street for their Friday Night Lights event on August 17, 2018, with a rain date of August 18th. This event will be conducted the same way as the last one, with one change – they will have a barricade at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Bressler Street with signage stating, “No Through Traffic”. This intersection will also have 2 Williams Ford employees stationed there for the entire length of the road closure to allow access to Bressler Street residents only. They requested Bressler Street be closed from 5 PM to 9:30 PM. On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve the closure of Bressler Street for the date(s) and time requested.

Miller Group Holdings, LP, submitted paperwork to withdraw from the Ag Security Area. This is for the site of the new Dollar General in Green’s Landing. On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to acknowledge the receipt of the paperwork and to authorize John Thompson to record the removal of the property from the Ag Security Area in the Register and Recorder’s Office.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to send Ruth, Robin, and any Supervisor to the PSATS Fall Forum Oct. 9th and 10th in Wilkes-Barre and to pay all related expenses.

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Robin advised the Board that the annual COG dinner will be held in Alba on August 27th. If anyone wishes to attend, please let her know before August 17th so she can make your reservation.

Robin and Ruth have registered for the “Developing Your Township Budget” class in Dallas, PA which will be held on August 22nd from 9 – 11:30 AM. Robin encouraged all board members to attend as well.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it passed to approve the minutes of July 25, 2018 as written, with Tressa abstaining as she was on vacation.

Ed Reid told the Board that Sayre Used Auto Sales, after numerous contacts, still has not paid their engineering fees. We have paid the engineers and the money is now owed to the township. On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to authorize John Thompson to file suit in small claims court.

Ed also advised the Board that there is a small lot on the corner of Pine Tree Road and West Lockhart Street by the Rosh signs that now has an old camper parked on it. Sayre Health Care is shuttling one of its residents from the personal care home to this trailer to stay for several hours daily and then comes and picks him up. Ed questions whether this is a residential use. The gentleman is unsupervised. Emergency services has an address of 43 Pine Tree Road. Robin said she can't believe they got this address from Scott at Bradford County Planning, because this is not a residence or a fixed structure. She will call Scott in the morning to see what he knows about this – if anything. The Board directed John Thompson to send a letter to the property owner about this.

Chairwoman Vough took the Board into executive session at 7:25 PM for personnel. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 PM.

The Board will send a letter to the Auditors recommending that they consider increasing the minimum hours for Susan Seck from 32 hours to a minimum of 35 hours per week.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to hire Logan Minard and Corey Bowman as recycling backup attendants at \$7,25/hour, to be put on the roster as soon as all the necessary employment paperwork has been completed.

The Board reviewed the list of hydrants that the township is paying for monthly. This is a 2016 list that Susan and Randy Simmons of Aqua PA reviewed previously. Randy was supposed to get back to Susan, but she has not heard from him concerning the discrepancies. Robin made notes on the paperwork for Aqua to double-check ownership of several of the hydrants so we can get this resolved. Robin said we were being billed for 72 hydrants and our latest bill is for 101

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hydrants. She asked if we should pay our old amount until this is resolved or if we should pay the new amount. Kirstie works for Aqua and will have someone give me a call about this.

There being no further business, on motion of Susan, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Athens Township Secretary