

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

August 29, 2018 6 PM

Chairwoman Christine Vough called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, George Ballenstedt, Tressa Heffron and Kirstie Lake. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also present. Christine led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to hire Tyler Young at a salary of \$37,000 annually with benefits as per the current police contract – hire date when all employment paperwork is completed; his stipend ends August 17, 2018 so he will be prorated the five (5) days from August 12, 2018; COBRA will be paid until the township starts paying premiums on the Teamsters Insurance – John Thompson will check with the Teamsters regarding the insurance start date and eligibility date, and will get the HRA amounts.

Chairwoman Christine Vough swore in our new patrolman, Tyler D. Young, at this time.

Voice of the Residents: None

No one was present for the fire company. George said they will be having a super bingo on Saturday, October 20th in the morning - \$8,000 payout – tickets are limited.

Richard Bean was present for the Park Commission. There are two Eagle Scout projects in progress and one Girl Scout project. Phases 1-3 of the park expansion are inspected and approved. Robin is working on the paperwork. Richard has scheduled the engineering ATV trail work to start December 3rd, with the bid opening at the February meeting. A forester will be out to evaluate the timber value on the Dunkley Hill property.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the payment of the monthly bills with the exception of Tyler's stipend, which will be prorated for 5 days only. A complete listing of expenditures and revenues is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

Scot Saggiomo presented the Robin E./Michael F. Pane 2-lot subdivision, Lot 3A to become part and parcel to the adjacent lot of Andrea Kovacs, located on Meadowlark Drive. There were no deficiencies and Planning Commission recommends preliminary and final plan approval, and the signing of the non-building waiver. On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval, and to sign the non-building waiver.

Next was the Jeffrey Wright 2-lot subdivision located on Braddock Road. The only deficiency was to change the zoning district on the plan from Woodland Conservation to the correct district, which is Agricultural. This change has been made, and Planning Commission recommends preliminary and final plan approval. On motion of Christine, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval, and to sign the sewage module.

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It was decided to table Ron Reagan's request to approve the Ordinance Update Agreement with Hunt Engineers until John Thompson can review the document and make sure all the information we need is included.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to appoint George Ballenstedt to the Athens Township Authority to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Cheryl Stropko, whose term will expire December 31, 2019. George abstained from the vote.

On motion of Christine, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to reappoint William Bresser to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire September 9, 2021.

The Purchasing and Credit Card policy draft needs to be revised after John met with Ruth because several other issues need to be addressed.

Susan reported for roads. The guys have been busy since July 25th doing storm clean-up. They got an emergency permit for Wolcott Creek off Macafee Road as it is endangering our road. Robin said she has completed the calculations and figures for FEMA – if disaster monies become available, we could receive around \$113,000 if eligible.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of August 20, 2018 with the correction changing the motion second to adjourn by Christine, not Robin.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to accept the monthly reports as submitted.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairwoman Vough took the Board into executive session at 6:29 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:18 PM.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it passed that all non-bargaining unit full-time employees make contributions of \$20/bi-weekly payroll toward their health insurance coverage beginning October 1, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith, Athens Township Secretary