

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
November 28, 2018 6 PM Regular Meeting

Chairperson 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 in attendance. Christine led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eagle Scout Caleb Horton was not in attendance this evening.

Voice of the Residents:

Danny Stark of Clinton Street asked why the township doesn't get any of the room tax money from the County? Robin said by law that has to go to the County level, even though 3 of the hotels are in the township. We did get a grant of \$600+ one year for new directional signs to Round Top Park. The room tax money must be used for tourism, so it's hard for us to come up with things to put in for.

Richard Bean reported for the Park Commission. Emily Chilson will be building a Gaga Pit on Round Top for her Girl Scout Silver award. Mikala Horton will be building picnic tables for her Girl Scout Gold award. Caleb Horton will be recognized for his Eagle Scout project at the Supervisor's next meeting. Robin is working on the DCNR paperwork for all 3 phases. Skip Schneider and John Rosh on site of ATV trail making sure all is good. Richard has not heard on the Yamaha grant yet. The fire company will hang the star on December 9th, weather permitting. The star will be moved to the Park on December 6th. Richard asked about the cable franchise issue. John Thompson said he has drafted an agreement which includes additional funds that we are entitled to from Charter. John has also requested an audit. Richard said he has not heard anything from the Supervisors about hiring an appraiser for the Dunkley Hill property. The Board felt Richard could just move forward with the appraisal since the property was given to the Parks. Susan said Richard should get a market value appraisal and come back to the Board with a plan. Richard is working on a DEP clean energy CNG grant to replace the park pickup truck.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2018-10, adopting a policy governing the appointment of Special Fire Police Officers in Athens Township.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the Fire Police applications for Thomas Alexander Cessna and Lori Cessna.

George said the fire company would like to see a requirement put in the SALDO for commercial properties to install a Knox box on their buildings for the fire company. He also presented a draft resolution where the fire company updated their fee schedule. Super Bingo on Dec 8th.

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

John Thompson will email the draft Purchasing Policy and resend the Credit Card Policy for consideration at our December 19th meeting. John also had a resolution that was adopted by Valley Joint Sewer Authority extending the life of the Articles of Existence for 50 more years. He also had a resolution that our Board needed to adopt in conjunction with this. On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2018-11 extending the life of the Articles of Existence for 50 more years.

The Stormwater Maintenance agreement for Microtel was signed. This had been approved when the Microtel land development was approved, but a signed copy had never been recorded.

It was decided to hold our Christmas luncheon on December 21st at noon.

The monthly meetings for the Board of Supervisors will continue as the last Wednesday of each month at 6 PM, with exceptions being November 20th and December 18th.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to reappoint Steve Sumner to the Valley Joint Sewer Authority Board for a term to expire 12/31/2023.

On motion of Susan, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to reappoint Meade Murtland to the Athens Township Authority Board for a term to expire 12/31/2023.

On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of October 31 and November 13, 2013 as written.

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

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to approve the renewal of Ed's membership in the National Association of Floodplain Managers.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairperson Vough took the Board into executive session for personnel and pending litigation at 6:45 PM. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:07 PM.

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On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to have Robin hire Kevin Baker and Sheila Smith as recycling attendants at \$7.25/hour to begin as substitutes, with a start date after all employment paperwork is completed with Ruth.

The Board approved Robin to purchase employee service appreciation gifts for 30 year and 40 year employees (not to exceed \$300 each) for presentation at the Christmas luncheon.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to have Susan purchase a Case self-leveling bucket for the tractor from Monroe Tractor at a price not to exceed \$8,896.55.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Athens Township Secretary