

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
February 27, 2019 6:00 PM

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

The bids for fuel were opened and were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	11,000 gal <u>87 octane</u>	14,000 gal <u>LSD diesel</u>	<b><u>OR</u></b>	14,000 gal <u>LSD diesel DYED</u>
WOC Energy	1.8344/gal.	(no bid)		2.341/gal.
Mirabito Energy Products	1.9256/gal.	2.3787/gal.		2.3827/gal.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to accept the bid of WOC energy for the 87 octane and the LSD diesel DYED.

Voice of the Residents:

Donna Hazelton of North Thomas Avenue, Sayre, asked the Board how long the lights would be “out” at the bridge. She would like to see stop signs there instead of the flashing red lights. Robin said the flashing red lights mean the same thing as stop signs. Donna said people don’t stop in the morning – 4 or 5 cars will go over in a row and they pull into the Guthrie lot. Kirstie said we will look into it.

Frank Altman had requested to be put on the agenda, but was not present for the meeting.

Richard Bean reported for the Athens Township Parks and Recreation Commission. He called DCNR about the payment for Phases II and III. Our contact has been out on medical leave and his work is backed up. It will be a couple weeks before he can work on them. He asked John Thompson when the Spectrum and Empire audits will be complete and John said they are working on it. Richard advised the Board that it will be \$2200 - \$2400 to have the Dunkley Hill property surveyed so they can sell it. The Commission is working on the Bradford County Summer Park Series for August 10<sup>th</sup> in Round Top. They will ask the Valley Off Road Recreation Club to have a booth and hand out permit applications. Our engineer missed the completion date for our bid package. He will have it completed and into DCNR on Tuesday. Skip talked to them and they will have it back in time for Robin to advertise the bid so we can open them on March 27<sup>th</sup>. We have received 90% of the funds for the ATV grant. The ORV club will doing in-kind services for the grant and will be building new picnic tables, trail maintenance and signage. Barry will begin work on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Park inspection will be April 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 AM at Tozer’s Landing. Richard asked Susan if the highway department will be repairing Round Top Road this year. The Boy Scout Camporee (Indian District 5 Rivers Council) will be October 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>.

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Dave Steinfelt was present for the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company. Discussion was held about the proposed 'false alarm' ordinance. Dave said they were at Tractor Supply 6 times in the last 2 weeks. John said he needs to get with the fire company to make sure of what they want in the ordinance. Dave also asked us to consider Knox boxes on commercial buildings and on residential buildings with fire alarms. Robin said that is being discussed as one of the changes to our Zoning Ordinance.

On motion of Susan, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve the payment of 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 appoint Rebecca Miller to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Scot Saggiomo. The term will expire October 30, 2020.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to ratify the hiring of Andrew Conner as a backup recycling attendant effective February 21, 2019 at minimum wage.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to hire Ben Vough as a backup recycling attendant at minimum wage and to put him on the roster as soon as his employment paperwork is complete with Ruth. Christine abstained from the vote as Ben is her son.

On motion of Christine, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2019-08, changing the signatories on the C & N bank accounts to Robin, Ruth and Kirstie, and removing Christine at her request.

Discussion was held on the Credit Card policy. It was then tabled until John and Tressa can get with Ruth on this.

The Pension Plan ordinances were discussed. John will call Michael Hatlee at C & N to see where we are with these.

Robin told the Board that the population numbers that the PUC uses to calculate the Act 13 disbursements includes wording that, "Per regulation, this is provided by the US Census Bureau and is their publically available estimate for your municipality". In reviewing that section, she saw that the Census Bureau has estimated a drop in population for Athens Township of 208 from the last Census. We had gained population in the last Census, so why would they estimate numbers that drop our population. This directly affects what we receive in Act 13 funds. Robin suggested the Board contact our legislators to speak out for a change in the law that would not allow the Census Bureau to estimate population instead of using the actual numbers.

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On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to participate in the 2019-2020 COSTARS salt contract. Susan will get the tonnage numbers to Robin.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the Copy Source copier contract for the police department copier.

Susan said there is a Dirt and Gravel Road free breakfast on March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 1 in Wysox that she would like to send the Highway Department to. On motion of Susan, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to send the crew, and anyone else who wished to attend. RSVP is due by March 5<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of January 30, 2019 as written.

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairwoman Lake took the Board into executive session at 7 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:18 PM.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to sign the settlement agreement between TMT and Gutelius.

On motion of Christine, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to pay the annual dues for the PSATS TEMA program.

On motion of Tressa, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve Ed's attendance at the PCCA Advanced Floodplain Management in Pennsylvania course to be held in Towanda on May 15<sup>th</sup> (no charge).

Robin advised the Board that she had gotten a price from our actuary to do the annual reporting for the new pension plans. He said he would charge a total of \$500.00. On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to accept this proposal from Conrad Siegel Actuaries.

Tressa had received a request for a letter in support of a grant Valley Playland is applying for. Robin will send the letter.

There being no further business, on motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,