

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

June 26, 2019 6:00 PM

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

There were no bids received for the 4000 Tons DSA. On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to have Robin rebid this for our next meeting.

Voice of the Residents: None

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to reappoint Richard Bean to the Athens Township Parks Commission for a term to expire July 1, 2024.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks Commission. Mikala Horton will be building picnic tables for her Girl Scout Gold Award. We have not received reimbursement from DCNR for Phases II and III. Tina Pickett has been asked to get involved. We have no word back yet from Spectrum on John's letter regarding the discrepancy in payments. The Bradford County Summer Park Series on Round Top is in the final planning stage. Entertainment and food have been finalized. They are working on parking, traffic control and trash removal. The Park Commission will have their own booth showing off our 4 parks. Construction on the ATV Trail Grant will start August 12th. The restroom is scheduled for delivery the same week. The pavilion is scheduled for the week of the 25th. The game camera is in place. In 2 weeks we had 665 vehicles counted. It is not getting all the vehicles. Richard saw some come in but never leaving.

On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the Easement Agreement with Valley Energy for their gas line on the Jim King Memorial Park property along Glen Valley Road.

Athens Township Fire Chief, Bryan Farr, reported for the fire company. He said call volume is up – and membership is up. They have had 4 new members over the last few months. They had some folks travel to Emmetsburg for training, and also sent 3 female junior firefighters to Pike County for a training event. They now have 6 junior firefighters.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve the request for the Athens Township Fire Police to assist with traffic control and parking activities for the August 10th County event in Round Top Park.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to appoint Michael Murphy to the Athens Twp. Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2021; and to the Valley Joint Sewer Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2019. The ATA 2018 financial statements were also presented.

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

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to scrap the broken chainsaw.

On motion of Tressa, second by Christine, it was unanimous to have Susan send letters to PennDOT request permission to install a "Hearing Impaired Child" sign near 888 Glen Valley Road and a "Watch Children" sign near McCloe's Trailer Park on Wolcott Hollow Rd.

Susan reported that Truck 10 had an electrical fire in the cab on Weaver Road. She believes the insurance company will total it because of the extent of the electrical damage. It also fried our new radio. Robin will file an insurance claim with Gannon.

On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to put our old crusher out to bid – as is – as soon as Susan gets the crusher specs to Robin.

Robin reported that she received an email from Tim Sullivan advising us the Road C agreement expired in October, 2018, so we are on our own now. Susan said we may have to do crack sealing this year.

Robin advised the Board that the updated FEMA flood maps are out, and the appeal period will end on September 11, 2019. We need to have a public hearing so the public can come and review the maps to see if there are changes to their properties. If they want to appeal the new mapping, the township will have to submit it for them. The Board set the date of July 16, 2019 at 6 PM for the public hearing. John Thompson will place the legal notice in the Daily Review.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve the renewal of Ed Reid's PAFPM annual membership at a cost of \$50.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to allow the office employees to use one of their vacation days on July 5, 2019 (if they choose to), even if it means the office will be closed.

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to advise Code Inspections, Inc. that we do not wish to retain the residential building plans, and to allow them to dispose of the remaining residential plans for the years 2004 to 2013.

Robin reported that the police department moved into the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and we need to find another location for it, because we are required by law to have one. Keith Stackhouse is our Emergency Management Coordinator and he submitted a plan for modifications to the meeting room to be able to use that for our EOC. Discussion was held. On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to move forward with the modifications to the meeting room to allow it to also be used as our EOC.

Robin advised the Board that the Liquid Fuels audit for 2017 and 2018 has been completed and there were no findings.

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of May 29, 2019 as written.

Robin told the Board that we did not receive last month's Building Permits report because of technical difficulties, and this month's report is not here because we had a power outage and were unable to print it. On motion of Tressa, second by Christine, it was unanimous to accept the Police, Roads and Fire Reports as presented.

Kirstie reported that the Police Department had 701 overtime hours for their participation in the latest drug taskforce roundup. \$36,094 has been reimbursed by the AG's office, 24 of the 28 offenses took place in Athens Township, and 229 grams of crystal meth, heroin, and fentanyl was confiscated – and that doesn't include any pills. She also said the SROs graduated from National SRO School – with the school paying the registration and the township paying wages and transportation.

Chairwoman Kirstie Lake took the Board into executive session at 6:45 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:45 PM.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to hire Alex Walter as the Recycling Manager at \$10/hour; to take over all duties including scheduling of workers; to start once his employment paperwork has been completed with Ruth.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to hire Matthew Gulyas, Katelynn Wright and Aaron Smith as recycling backup attendants at \$7.25/hour to begin when the employment paperwork is complete with Ruth, and when a backup is needed.

On motion of Tressa, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have John Thompson send a letter to Mark Hawthorne and also a letter to Jonathan Foster, Jr. and Frank Como.

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On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to have all available recycling attendants come in at 3 PM on Wednesday, July 10th, to completely clean the recycling center until it is totally clean, not to exceed 3 hours.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to allow Robin (and any other township employee) to pay their own way to attend the PSATS Fall Forum on October 7-8th, and to pay their salary for both days.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Athens Township Secretary