

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
September 25, 2019 6 PM Regular Meeting

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. Kirstie led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Lake called for the opening of bids for the tandem axle dump truck as specified in the bid worksheet narrative on page 2 of the agenda. The bid from State Line Auto Auction was the sole bid received, and was in the amount of \$41,786,21. On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to accept this bid. This truck will replace the 1999 Mack tandem axle that was totaled because of a cab fire.

Voice of the Residents:

Betty Jo Morris, 3395 Wilawana Road, was present regarding the drainage area west of her house. She said that when that was worked the last time, her side of the swale was banked lower than the other side and now the water comes over into her yard because of that. Discussion was held. Susan said it is a dilemma as to how to fix it. She said we will try to get over there this week or next. Susan will also call BCCD to have them come and look at the detention pond on Gary Nittinger's property. Betty Jo thanked the Board.

Jim and Stacey Secrist of Vetter Road were present to ask what the timeline was for the easement completion for the moving of Vetter Road onto their property. Susan said the plans are done for the creek, and we are supposed to get them by the end of the week. John Thompson has the easement ready to go and is just waiting for the survey to attach to it. All agreed the intent is to move the road over into the easement area. Jim asked if the township was going to pay for the removal of the remaining trees, and Susan said yes. Stacey has pictures of the creek and will send them to Robin to forward to the Board. Susan will call the surveyor tomorrow.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks Commission. Phase II has been approved and we are waiting for the controls office to cut a check. No report from our solicitor concerning the difference from the Time Warner franchise fee worksheet and the Spectrum fee worksheet. Also, we have not received any franchise payments for this year. The last payment was in March and was for 2018. Construction has started on the ATV trail grant. The restroom is complete and the pavilion is up. The floor of the pavilion will be poured tomorrow as well as the walkway for the restroom. SGS plans to start the guiderails tomorrow. We added 20 feet of guiderail after the bid. SGS will do it at no cost. The entire job is expected to be completed in two weeks. We have one quote for the clearing of the overlooks - \$35,000. This quote was not prevailing wage. There will be a Boy Scout Camporee on Round Top the weekend of October 19th. Barry was told someone was seen taking lumber into the woods on Round Top. We assumed that the lumber was to build a tree stand. Richard asked Barry

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to report it to the Police Department and let them handle it. Our game camera has also seen vehicle headlights at night in the park.

ATVFC Fire Chief, Bryan Farr, was present with his report. He said the company has been asked to help with the Bradford County Half Marathon on October 5/6th. Since this will be in a non-emergent capacity, he needs to have Board approval for this., On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to approve the fire company's participation. Two fire police applications (for Michael Maurey and Jediah Yale) have been approved by the fire company and by Chief Clink. They now need to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve both applications.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to adopt Resolution 2019-12, adopting the updated Athens Township Emergency Operations Plan dated September, 2019.

Road inspection was set for Saturday, October 26th to begin from the Athens Township Building at 9 AM.

On motion of Christine, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to set Trick-or-Treat night as October 31, 2019 from 6 - 8 PM in Athens Township.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the junkyard inspections for both junkyards and to have Robin send out the license renewals.

John Thompson passed out drafts of the Secrist/Vetter Road easement and the Noise Ordinance. He asked the Board to review these drafts for our next meeting.

Robin had been working on our insurance renewal with Steve Sumner and discussion was held as to cyber insurance. Steve sent Robin an application for that, and it requires us to have a Corporate Use Policy for Digital Resources. Kai had forwarded one to Robin that John Thompson will work on for our next meeting. He will email it to us prior to the meeting for review.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to cast our ballot for Michel Keller to serve as PSATS UC Trustee.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to execute the Supplemental Engineering Agreement for the Thomas Avenue bridge project.

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Discussion was held as to the mowing of the landfill property. Robin will get prices to mow and Susan will get prices to rent a skid-steer.

Susan received 3 quotes for the reclamation of our Ellistown Gravel Pit, which are listed in the meeting agenda. On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to hire the low quote from Lineburg Excavation for the reclamation at a price of \$13,750.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of August 28th and September 17, 2019 as written.

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Susan Loomis of Winslow Street was present to discuss problems with wildlife dying on her property. She presented pictures of a neighboring business property spraying along their property line. She said her trees are dying and her dog just died. She also said Walmart is allowing people to enter/exit through their delivery access and added that their new grocery pickup is directed through that entrance/exit. She had called the office and Eddie and Cindy had said there is nothing the township can do about it as these are civil matters. She presented pictures to the Board and a letter with her statements. Robin told her we would take a look at it to see if there was anything we could do, and she would get back to her. Susan said the people are flying in and out of there. The Board said they would ask the police to sit there.

Chairwoman Lake took the Board into executive session at 7:10 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:35 PM.

On motion of Susan, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to have John Thompson send a letter to Spectrum, and also send a letter to Clarity Connect with regard to their equipment on our tower.

There being no further business, on motion of Susan, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

