

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Budget Workshop 9 AM September 28, 2019

Chairwoman Kirstie Lake called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, Christine Vough, Tressa Heffron and George Ballenstedt. Secretary Robin Smith and Treasurer Ruth Casterline were also in attendance.

Ruth needed direction on 3 invoices coming in:

- 1) Moody & Associates invoice for the stream stabilization survey for Vetter Road
- 2) State Line Auto Auction invoice for truck purchase accepted on September 25th
- 3) Lineburg Excavation invoice for reclamation of our Ellistown Gravel Pit

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, the 3 invoices listed above will be paid as follows:

- 1) Moody & Associates invoice will be paid with Act 13 funds, to be repaid by FEMA DR-4408 funds when/if received.
- 2) State Line Auto Auction invoice will be paid from General Fund line item 430.700, with any shortage to be paid from Act 13 funds.
- 3) Lineburg Excavation invoice to be paid from General Fund line item 438.202

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to pay for the following Vetter Road repairs from Act 13 funds out of this year's budget – to be repaid by FEMA DR-4408 funds when/if received:

- 1) Surveyor to do maps for the road relocation easement – approx. \$2000
- 2) Trees in the wires to be cut – approx. \$3,000
- 3) Stabilization of the creek bank – approx. \$90,000

Discussion was held as to the possible purchase of an excavator. Susan will get prices for our next meeting.

George suggested that the PSATS Resolution Committee consider a resolution where after we bid something out or find an item in COSTARS, but also find the exact (or equivalent) item at a lower price elsewhere, we would be able to purchase the lower price item. Robin said resolutions for the Committee are received from actions at the County Conventions that are forwarded on to PSATS. We just had our County Convention, but we need to consider submitting this next year – if not sooner.

Robin presented the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the year 2020 for both defined benefit pension plans. The police plan requirement will be \$76,013 and the non-uniform plan requirement will be \$86,614.

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On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2019-13 eliminating employee contributions to both the Non-Uniform Defined Benefit Pension Plan and the Police Pension Plan for 2020.

Our next budget workshop will be October 15, 2019 at 6 PM.

There being no further business, on motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Athens Township Secretary