

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
February 26, 2020 6 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Kirstie Lake called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Supervisors also present were Christine Vough, Tressa Heffron, Susan Seck and George Ballenstedt. 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>Vendor</u>	<u>14,000 gal diesel</u>	<u>11,000 gal 87 octane</u>
WOC Energy	\$1.9880/\$27,832	\$1.6904/\$18,594.40
Mirabito Energy	\$2.0076/\$28,106.40	\$1.8661/\$20,527.10

**a third bid from Diesel Direct was submitted, but they were disqualified because 1) they did not quote the rack price of 2-17-2020, and 2) they did not include bid security.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to accept the bid of WOC Energy for both products.

Voice of the Residents: None

George gave a quick report for the fire company. They just did a lot of training. Their \$1600 bingo jackpot went last night. They are also getting close to a final spec for a new squad.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks Commission. He is waiting on the trail signs and the tables to do the final inspection and final payment for the ATV grant. Robin will order the signs when we receive the count. The tables are being rebuilt by FFA at the Athens High School. Round Top is closed, but will open if there is snow for skiing. The star is back home. The Cohen Law Group is performing the Spectrum franchise audit. Lucas Aqualisa Eagle project will be building 6 tables for Round Top. The loan for the expansion stands at \$150,880. Richard met with the Athens Superintendent and the high school principal and offered the use of the Dunkley Hill property. They really liked the idea. Before they make a decision, they want to look at the property when the weather breaks. Barry will start April 13th. Park inspection will be on April 4th – they will meet at Tozer’s Landing at 9:30 AM. The park will open May 9th. Dave Hafer announced that he is resigning from the park commission. He was a charter member – his membership dates back prior to the township taking ownership of Round Top Park!

George brought up the Junction Canal. Discussion was held. We should look for funding for a feasibility study. Richard said it would be up to the Park Commission to develop it. He said they want to do the 18 acres at Tozer’s Landing next after the current loan is paid off. Robin will write a letter to Bobbie Blanchard to ask her to come to the Park Commission’s March 23rd meeting.

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Susan requested that the Board wait until we get some reimbursement funds in from Vetter Road before we bid out Murphy Road. The Board was in agreement.

Penn Power Systems had submitted a quote for our generator maintenance. Our current maintenance company, Kinsley Power, does an excellent job for us. They are very dependable and only charge \$9 more per year, and are closer. It was decided to stay with Kinsley.

John Thompson presented paperwork for signature that is to make us aware that Penelec will be placing a mid-span pole to supply Williams Subaru with electric service. The service will run underground after that. The language authorizing Penelec to trim/clear our trees has been removed. On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to sign the agreement.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to allow Robin to attend her PSATS Resolutions Committee meeting on March 3, 2020 and to pay her salary for the time she would have worked.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Bradford County Conservation District.

Discussion was held on an inclement weather policy for the office personnel. Robin will draft a policy for review at our next meeting.

Tressa reported on the possibility of a YMCA coming to the Valley. She said the Director of the YMCA contacted her to get a group Valley leaders together to discuss the possibility of bringing a YMCA to the Valley area. Their initial meeting was very positive. Community support is very vital. They are looking to do some small classes at a few different locations up here to see what type of interest there is. Guthrie has agreed to partner with the YMCA. Their next meeting will be March 19th at 6 PM here at the township building.

The filters for the Digital Resource Policy were discussed. The Board would like Robin, Roger and Kai to get together to see what we feel would be appropriate filters. Once we have met, Robin will bring it back to the Board for a final decision.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was passed to approve the minutes of January 29, 2020 as written. Susan abstained because she was not in attendance.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the monthly bills as presented. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda. It was also announced that the County Treasurer would be here on February 28, 2020 from 9 AM to 2 PM to issue dog licenses.

Chairwoman Lake took the Board into executive session at 6:48 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:40 PM.

Discussion was held on the purchase of an excavator from COSTARS. We had previous approval for the purchase of a mini-excavator at a cost of \$125,000, but after further research, it was determined that would not suit our purposes. On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to approve the purchase of the 313FL CAT excavator through COSTARS at a cost of \$153,785.00. It will be paid for with the \$125K already allocated; \$2,121.29 from the third Act 13 check; \$13,259.00 from the fourth Act 13 check; and the balance of \$15,526 from the sixth Act 13 check.

Discussion was held on the recycling center. We cannot find people willing to work. We have a great crew of high school kids, but they are entering their 'busy' season of school events – baseball, school musical, etc – and should be doing those things. We find that people are not taking direction from the kids, which leads to safety issues and issues with rules and regulations. On motion of George, second by Tressa, it passed to close our recycling center effective March 1, 2020 until further notice. Christine abstained from the vote as her son works there.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to accept Brenda Finnerty's new service rate of \$30/hour beginning March 1, 2020.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to accept Dave Hafer's resignation from the Park Commission with regret – and the Board directed Robin to purchase a plaque for Dave to express our sincere thanks and appreciation. Dave is a charter member of the Park Commission which was created by Ordinance #17 on March 12, 1968. The Board thanks him for his 52 years of service to the township!

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith, Athens Twp. Secretary