

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
June 24, 2020 6 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Kirstie Lake called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Supervisors also present were Christine Vough, Tressa Heffron, George Ballenstedt and Susan Seck. Secretary Robin Smith was also in attendance and Solicitor John Thompson arrived at 6:05 PM. Kirstie led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Voice of the Residents: None

George gave an update for the fire company. They assisted with a couple structure fires recently. Bingo started back up and is doing well. Super Bingo was also held this month. They have ordered their new squad truck. They are also having monthly chicken barbecues.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks and Recreation Commission. They are still waiting for the Valley Off Road Club to forward the info needed for their last sign. Richard has been waiting over 3 months. Cohen Law Group is performing the Spectrum franchise audit. Lucas Aquilo Eagle Project has been approved by the Council to build 6 picnic tables for Round Top. The hardware was donated by George Crowell. The loan for the expansion area is at \$105,880. No movement on the Dunkley Hill property yet. Flags have been reinstalled at Tozer's Landing. Mattison Tree Service did it for us as Dandy Mini Marts said they did not have the time. The Commission will be applying for a Marcellus Legacy Grant to build an overlook by pavilion #9. Susan is working on the estimate for the repair/replace Round Top Road. Ethan Sexton is writing the grant. Two trees have been removed from Glen Clark Park by Mattison Tree Service. He is also removing the stumps. The game camera on Bobcat Road by #9 showed 4 ORVs using the road in the picnic area. The camera has been moved to another location.

On motion of Tressa, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adopt the PROCLAMATION declaring July 17, 2020 as "Pennsylvania Park and Recreation Professionals Day", with special thanks and gratitude to our Park Commission for their amazing vision and dedication.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to ratify the renewals of our Emergency Declaration through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2020-10 for additional funding for the Thomas Avenue Bridge Replacement Project.

Susan requested permission to bid out the Meadowlark Drive Dirt and Gravel Road project. She has a spec created in conjunction with Bradford County Conservation District which we can use to bid. On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to bid this project.

Susan would like to bid DSA for township use. She said it doesn't need to be PennDOT approved, and would like to bid it delivered as well as picked up by the township (FOB). Discussion was held. Christine asked if it wouldn't be better to get the approved DSA instead

of wasting the money on a subpar product? On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to bid both PA approved and unapproved; 4000 Tons FOB and 2500 Tons delivered within a 25-mile radius so we can compare pricing.

Susan said the Queen Esther development needs to have the ditches cleaned. She would like to sublet that job out as the utilities are all in the ditch and are very shallow. Christine said that was why we bought an excavator – so we could clean the ditches. Susan said it would be too time consuming. She wants to get 3 quotes. John Thompson said whoever we sublet to would still be an agent of the township. Susan said they need to bid with insurance. Kirstie said Aqua gets fined if a subcontractor does damage. She said the PUC is the enforcement agent for PA One Call now. Christine said the residents have to know we have 75 miles of road to take care of. Susan said we may just have to put a ditch shaper on, kick the rock out and be done with it. She'll look back into it.

Susan said our water truck (a reconditioned 1975 Chevy firetruck) needs to be scrapped. It has so much wrong with it it's not worth selling. On motion of Tressa, second by Christine, it was unanimous to scrap the water truck.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it passed to approve the minutes of May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 8, 2020 as written. George abstained from the May 27<sup>th</sup> minutes as he was absent.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to accept the monthly reports as presented. There was no police report.

Chairwoman Lake took the Board into executive session at 6:35 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8 PM.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to have John Thompson send a letter to the landowner regarding the Meadowlark Drive cemetery maintenance.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to do a spec for the work that needs to be done at the landfill. Susan will get quote for fixing it and mowing it.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to rebid the paver and roller with operators with a 10-foot path instead of a 20-foot path.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to bid out portions of Sunnyfield Drive, Shepard Road and Vetter Road for paving. Susan will get a spec together for this.

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The District Justice Office lease will be up at the end of March, 2021. On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to have John Thompson send a letter to start dialogue to negotiate a new lease.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it passed to approve, sign and execute the easement for the setting of 3 electric poles to supply power to the Amato property on King Road, Susan voted no.

On motion of Tressa, second by Susan, 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.

There being no further business, on motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith  
Athens Township Secretary