

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

July 29, 2020 6 PM Regular Meeting

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

The bids were opened at this time and were as follows:

Per diem paving as advertised:

Douglas Brothers: paver/operator \$1000/8 hr. day;
roller/water/operator \$680/8 hr. day. (total \$1680/day)
Lineburg's: paver/operator \$1100/day up to 8 hours
Roller/water/operator \$900/day up to 8 hrs (total \$2000/day)

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to award this bid to Douglas Bros.

DSA (1); 3-inch minus (2) R6 rock (3) as advertised:

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| Bristol Excavating: | 1) \$22.91/T del. | 2) \$19.05/T del | 3) \$35.25/T del. |
| Marcus Cole | 1) \$9/T FOB, \$14.50 del. | 2) \$9/T FOB; \$14.50 del. | 3) \$20.75/T del. |
| AGGROCK LLC | 1) no bid | 2) no bid | 3) \$29/T del. |
| MR Dirt | 1) no bid | 2) \$7.50/T FOB; \$17.50/T del. | 3) \$27/T del. |

Meadowlark Dr. DGRP project as advertised:

| | <u>DSA</u> | <u>Milling</u> | <u>Roller</u> | <u>Flex-O-Mat</u> |
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| Glenn O. Hawbaker | \$40.23/T | no bid | no bid | no bid |
| Bristol Excavating | \$30.45/T | no bid | no bid | no bid |
| MR Dirt | no bid | \$5200/8 hr. day | \$275/day | \$29,061.01 |
| EJ Breneman | no bid | \$10,823.20/sy | \$895/dy | no bid |
| Bradco Supply | no bid | no bid | \$300/day + \$250 del/pu | |

The DSA, 3"-minus, R6 rock and the Meadowlark Drive bids were tabled until Monday,

August 3rd when the Board will hold a special meeting at 2 PM to award the bids.

Voice of the Residents: None

Richard Bean reported for the Parks Commission. Richard has been waiting for over 4 months now for the Valley Off Road Club to forward the info for the last sign required for the ATV grant. Nothing new on the Spectrum franchise audit. Lucas Aquilio Eagle project has

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been approved by the council to build 6 picnic tables for Round Top. Secrist Lumber gave the park 50% off the total cost of the oak lumber. Loan for the park expansion stands at \$105,880. The school district has not been able to walk the Dunkley Hill property yet. The Park Commission is applying for a Marcellus Legacy Grant in the amount of \$225,000 with the township share being \$33,750. This is for the paving of Round Top Road within the Park.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2020-11 to have Robin pay the \$100 application fee for the grant and designate Kirstie or Robin as signatories for any grant paperwork. On motion of George, second by Christine, it was

unanimous to designate \$33,750 from Act 13 funds for the township share of the project. Richard said they are also looking for someone to draw up plans for the observation deck at pavilion #9, as they will need that information in order to pursue a grant for that project.

Discussion was held on the possible acquisition of the North Branch Canal weigh lock property owned by Robert Blanchard. George will reach out to the County Commissioners

again and the Board will attend the Park Commission meeting on August 24th at 7 PM to discuss this further. Richard will contact Roberta and Robin will advertise the meeting for the Supervisors' attendance. John Thompson will also attend.

On motion of Tressa, second by Susan, it passed to ratify the renewal of our Emergency Declaration from July 1st through August 4, 2020. Christine voted no on the last 2 weeks.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to accept the offer of Roger Carling to keep the American flags on the Route 199 bridge in good order. The Board thanks him for volunteering to do this!

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve the junkyard inspections for this year, and to change the licensing date from July 1st through June 30th to September 1st through August 31st to allow for inspections after the wet spring/early summer. John Thompson will need to update our ordinance for this.

Susan presented her paving projects for this year. She is looking to pave Sunnyfield Drive up to Murphy Road; needs to finish Vetter Road, and do per diem paving on sections of Shepard Road, Murray Creek Road; do the FEMA projects; and the Meadowlark Drive DGRP project. She estimates she will need \$175,000 in additional funds over what is in her budget. Discussion was held. On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to approve

the paving projects; to reserve \$175,000 of our Act 13 funds for these projects; and to bid out the Murphy Road FEMA repairs for our August meeting.

Susan advised the Board that Aqua has changed their Phase II plan for King Road and is now requesting to go up the north lane of King Road from Lamoka Road to their water tower access where they will cross over. They will repave that portion of King Road from white

line to white line (not the shoulders). Phase I they will proceed as previously agreed upon.

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On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to have Susan issue the highway occupancy permit as described for both phases.

Susan is still securing a third quote for the Queen Esther ditch work. On motion of Tressa, second by Susan, it was unanimous to table any action until our August 3rd special meeting to allow Susan time to get a third quote.

Discussion was held on the antiskid bid. Susan would like to use #8 stone instead of antiskid, which is something our Municipal Services rep told her a lot of townships are doing now. Christine had been concerned that we would be using a subpar product. She didn't disagree with using stone, just with not using state approved material. Susan said our roads end up with a lot of sand after the winter and using the stone may help to alleviate some of that.

Susan will get a spec ready for the #8 stone so Robin can bid this for our August meeting.

On motion of Susan, second by Tressa, 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 Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of June 24 and July 6, 2020.

On motion of Susan, second by Tressa, it passed to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020. George abstained because he was not in attendance.

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to have Robin get prices on a podium for our EOC, to be paid for out of our building maintenance funds.

Vice Chairman Ballenstedt took the Board into executive session at 7:46 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:26 PM.

On motion of Tressa, second by Susan, it was unanimous to hire Dalton Spencer as a part-time police officer at the current rate of pay for part-time officers, contingent upon receipt of an email from Chief Roger Clink stating all his clearances have been received; contingent upon all his employment paperwork being completed with Ruth; and his being sworn in and taking his Oath of Office.

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There being no further business, on motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith

Athens Township Secretary