

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
August 26, 2020 6 PM Regular Meeting

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

Voice of the Residents: None

Chairwoman Lake called for the opening of the bids which were as follows:

**Milling machine with operator capable of grinding a 3260 ft. x 18 ft. section of Meadowlark Drive in place. Must be able to grind 6-8" deep.**

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>COST PER DAY</u>
E.J. Breneman	\$9,975/day
Vestal Asphalt	\$4,350/day

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to award the bid to Vestal Asphalt.

**6000 Tons (+/-) AASHTO #8 stone delivered as per bid packet**

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AASHTO #8 delivered</u>
Bristol Excavating	\$38.31/ton (for Hawbaker)
Bristol Excavating	\$20.72 or \$21.72 discrepancy (disqualified)
Bristol Excavating	\$20.77/ton (for Dalrymple)
Dalrymple Gravel	\$30.50/ton
HK Group	\$33.50/ton
Austin's Excavating	\$20.35/ton
Wysox S & G	\$18.95/ton
Marcus Cole Construction	\$17.50/ton

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to award the bid to Marcus Cole.

First Assistant Chief Dave Steinfelt was present from the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company. He said bingo is now open “somewhat” since COVID. They are pursuing grants and received a federal grant for \$6,000 that will be used for PPE. They had 25 alarms last month and already have more than that this month. They are forming a committee to look at the EIT tax credit for volunteer firefighters. John Thompson said we have looked at this and have concerns as to who would administratively keep track of this, but we would look at it again if the committee brings it to the Board. Dave said Masco paid ATVFC to do a chicken barbecue for their employees.

Richard Bean was present for the Parks Commission. They met with Roberta Blanchard and two Township Supervisors to discuss the donation of the canal property. The Parks Commission recommends accepting it. John Thompson says there is a boundary line issue that would have to be resolved. Richard said he is still waiting for the Valley Off Road Club to forward the info for their last sign. He is meeting with them Thursday night. John Thompson will put the Spectrum audit on the front burner. Lucas Aquilio Eagle project is done and the tables will be ready to move to Round Top this weekend. The loan for the park expansion project stands at \$105,880. The school district has not had a chance to walk the Dunkley Hill property yet. The Park Commission has applied for a Marcellus Legacy grant (85/15%) to resurface the park road. Richard will contact Andy Harding to get a cost estimate to prepare drawings for the observation deck on Round Top. The park commission would like the first two bays (with the office) of the old recycling building for a storage/work area. The Park Commission was notified that our ATV trails will be featured in DCNR's monthly trails newsletter. They submitted a write-up and several pictures.

Max Gannon, Jr. and Scott Williams (surveyor) were present for Max's 2-lot subdivision on Miller Road. Planning Commission recommended preliminary and final plan approval. There were no deficiencies. On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval to this subdivision, and to execute the Component 1 sewage planning module.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it passed to ratify the renewal of the Declaration of Emergency from August 5, 2020 through September 1, 2020. Christine voted no.

Discussion was held on the request from the County Commissioners for a letter stating the township is willing to allow the sponsor (Bradford County) to conduct the Sheshequin Path Half Marathon that will run partly through the township. The letter also said “PennDOT is requiring a statement that the municipality will agree to fully indemnify, save harmless and, if requested, defend the Commonwealth, Commonwealth departments and their officers, agents and employees from and against claims, suits or actions for injury, death or property damage arising from or because of the acts or omissions of the sponsor, its officers, agents or employees”. John Thompson said that he cannot recommend we include the

indemnification clause they are requesting as we do not have control over the sponsor or their actions and to fully indemnify the County on up through the Commonwealth. On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to send a letter stating the township is willing to allow the sponsor to conduct the event, but not to include the indemnification clause.

The first budget workshop was set for Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. Susan will not be able to attend as she has to work. Robin will invite the fire chiefs and the police chief to attend to present their budgets.

Discussion was held as to the maintenance of the cemetery on Meadowlark Drive. John Thompson will get a letter out to Mr. Elsbree on this right away.

Susan had been asked by the winning bidder of the sheep's foot roller what size roller she needed. It was determined that their 66" roller will be okay.

Discussion shifted to our vibratory roller. Susan said there has been a problem with the roller starting and stalling since we purchased it. She said they have been here many times to repair it, but it is never properly repaired. She asked if there is a "lemon law" for heavy equipment, or if we have any recourse at all about this. John said we may be able to pursue something on a failed warranty basis. John will need the vehicle maintenance sheets on the roller and Susan will get them together for him on Monday.

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

Susan has 2 quotes for the ditch cleaning in Queen Esther. She had contacted Austin's for a third quote, but they stated they are unable to do that at this time. The quotes received were:

S & A Construction & Excavation	\$10,850
Lineburgs Excavation and Paving	\$12,500

On motion of Susan, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to award the job to S & A Construction and Excavation.

The minutes of July 28<sup>th</sup> were tabled as there was no quorum present of attendees from that meeting. On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it passed to approve the minutes of July 29, 2020 as written. Kirstie abstained as she was ill. On motion of George, second by Susan, it passed to approve the minutes of August 3, 2020 as written. Christine abstained as she was on vacation.

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairwoman Lake took the Board into executive session at 7:04 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:36 PM.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith  
Athens Township Secretary