

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
October 28, 2020 5 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Kirstie Lake called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. Supervisor also present were Tressa Heffron, Christine Vough, Susan Seck and George Ballenstedt. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance. Kirstie led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time the bids were opened for the Murphy Road Streambank Stabilization Project and were as follows:

O. H. Striping, Inc.	\$ 73,636
Insinger	\$ 64,797
DGR Excavating	\$ 44,450
Glenn O. Hawbaker	\$108,308
Boland's Topsoil	\$150,650
Daren Thompson	\$ 72,550
M. R. Dirt, Inc.	\$ 88,444

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to table the award of the bid until our November 2nd meeting.

Voice of the Residents: None

Discussion was held on the Volunteer Tax Credit. There were concerns that the credit would only apply to fire personnel who were residents of the township, since the tax credit would be to either their property tax or their earned income tax. We need to draft the ordinance so that it would include more than just Athens Township residents. John will look into our options on this.

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to reappoint Clifton Cheeks and Rebecca Miller to the Planning Commission for terms to expire October 30, 2024.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it passed to renew our Declaration of Emergency through November 2, 2020. Christine voted no.

The quote for e-Code was deferred to our next budget meeting.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to ratify the change of our regular monthly meeting time from 6 PM to 5 PM.

Our next budget workshop was set for Monday, November 2nd at 5 PM.

Bruce Benish was present for the Arthur D/Nancy B Wolf 2-lot subdivision on Wolcott Hollow Road. They will be selling the 189-acre parcel to their son. Planning Commission

recommends preliminary and final plan approval upon resolution of the sewage waiver from Bradford County Sanitation Committee. On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval contingent upon the receipt of the waiver from Bradford County Sanitation Committee.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the agreement with Moody & Associates in the amount of \$3,922 for Construction Oversight of the Murphy Road project.

Robin received the financial report from the Spalding Memorial Library. On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to release the annual funds to the library.

The selection of our meeting dates for 2021 was tabled until our November meeting.

Robin advised the Board that she had received a call from Gannon Insurance stating Nationwide Insurance was no longer offering the insurance package we have for the police and Ruth (Life, AD&D, STD & LTD). They are offering a migration to Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company that will give us a 2-year rate hold and the benefits would remain the same. Susan asked if pre-existing conditions would be covered, and discussion was held. On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to migrate to the RLS insurance contingent upon pre-existing conditions being accepted.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve the payment of the COG dues for 2020.

Our new police car is here, so we will be retiring one of the old police cars. Susan has a previously retired police car to drive as here public works vehicle, but it's rusting out terribly. On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to have Susan choose the better of the two cars and to sell the other car.

The quote for striping intersections was incomplete and was not discussed at this time.

On motion of George, 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 George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of September 30th as written.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it passed to approve the minutes of October 5th as written. George and Tressa abstained as they were absent.

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On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it passed to approve the minutes of October 6th as written. George abstained as he was absent.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it passed to approve the minutes of October 15th as written. George and Susan abstained as they were absent.

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it passed to approve the minutes of October 19th at 5 PM as written. Kirstie abstained as she was absent.

On motion of Tressa, second by George it passed to approve the minutes of October 19th at 6:30 PM as written. Kirstie abstained as she was absent.

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

Richard Bean reported for the Parks Commission. Richard asked about the status of the donation of the canal property. John said we are waiting on a proposal from Todd Babcock to survey the property. The signs have been installed for the ATV trails grant. The plexiglass still has to be installed over the trails sign and then we will be finished with that project. Robin reported that the data was ready to be released to Cohen Law Firm once Cohen submitted their non-disclosure agreement. The loan for the Round Top expansion stands at \$105,880. Dunkley Hill property still has not been walked by the school district. Have not heard anything from the Marcellus Legacy grant submitted for the resurfacing of the park road. Andy Harding is preparing the drawings for the 16' x 20' observation deck for pavilion #9 at Round Top Park. They have applied for a 2020 Room Tax grant for that. The Fish Commission has a 50/50 grant available to improve boat launches. The Park Commission has to pass on this because they do not have the matching funds. Barry's last day will be November 14th. Cathy Eccker has resigned from the Park Commission. She served on the Commission for over 20 years.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Lucas Aquilio was presented with a certificate from the Parks Commission for his Eagle Scout project. He built 6 picnic tables for Round Top Park. This was the 49th Eagle Project that has been completed in the park.

Chairwoman Lake took the Board into executive session at 6:05 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:25 PM.

There being no further business, on motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,