

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Special Meeting 5 PM November 16, 2020

The meeting to discuss police consolidation with Athens Borough was called to order at 5 PM. Present from Athens Township were Supervisors George Ballenstedt, Tressa Heffron, Christine Vough, and Susan Seck; Solicitor John Thompson; and Police Chief Roger Clink. Present from Athens Borough were Council Members Scott Molnar, Bill Cotton, Bob Williams, Walt Chaykosky, Scott Riley and Matt Patton; Mayor Skip Roupp; Borough Manager Mark Burgess, and Solicitor Jonathan Foster, Jr. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The actuary estimates to conduct a study of our two pension plans were discussed. Girard Service – Ron Bittner will do the study that will highlight areas of strength and weakness so we can come up with a combined plan that will work.

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to go with Girard to do the study at an estimated cost of \$1000 - \$1500.

Athens Borough Council member Bob Williams made the same motion, second by Scott Molnar, and the motion carried.

On motion of Susan, second by Christine, it was unanimous to spend up to \$750 for the actuary study.

Athens Borough Council member Scott Molnar made the same motion, second by Walt Chaykosky, and the motion carried.

Roger Clink handed out the updated cost detail. Chiefs Hutchinson and Clink met with some members of each department. There were no real surprises. They will use the new Athens Township contract as a guide. Everything else will be the same, and this will result in a new contract.

Chief Clink didn't include part timers in his projected budget, and is looking for options for building, equipment and cars, possibly using some space here and some at Athens Borough.

We are still looking at a Randy Williams/Township land swap. Tony Ventello is in the loop. There might be the possibility of turning the Athens Township property over to Central Bradford Progress Authority who would then handle getting it turned over to Randy Williams. Tony was to ask Williams' attorney to contact our solicitor about the swap. The County Commissioners may pay for the feasibility study if we do a tentative initial agreement between Williams and the Township for the property swap.

Next meeting is tentatively set for December 7, 2020, but we would need the actuary data back for that.

There being no further business, on motion of Scott Molnar, second by George it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

George Ballenstedt, Athens Twp. Supervisor

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