

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
June 30, 2021 5 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Supervisors also present were Kirstie Lake, Susan Seck and Alan Burgess. Marion Carling, Bruce Benish, Willie Rowe, Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Michelle Rude were also in attendance. Tressa led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Christine Vough arrived right after the pledge.

Tressa called for the opening of bids for the Dump Truck. Only one bid was submitted from Bradco. Secretary, Michelle Rude read the bid for a used Volvo single axle dump truck complete with front plow, wing plow, spreader, and hydraulic system. Solicitor John Thompson reviewed the bid and asked the representative from Bradco, Terry Sheets, to verify that all specifications in our ad were met by the truck he bid. Terry confirmed that they were met. On motion of Kirstie with the specification that all the specs of our ad are met, second by Tressa, motion passes to purchase the vehicle from Bradco for \$68,000.

Voice of the Residents: Tressa called for the Voice of the Residents and there were none.

Richard Bean was present for the Parks and Recreation Commission. He said that they are still waiting on an update from Cohen Law Group re: Spectrum franchise audit. The loan for the park expansion stands at \$70,880.00. The school district has not been able to walk the Dunkley Hill property. They have not received any additional funds for the overlook. The material costs have increased. The new restroom at the ATV trail repair cost is \$5285 and has been submitted to our insurance. We are waiting for a response. They are looking for ideas concerning how they should celebrate 50 years' ownership of RTP in September. They are planning a Round Top Challenge next year and looking to hold it on opening day of RTP. The Pickle Ball net has been purchased and a sign is up at Jim King Park. They are concerned that the time this and the GAGA ball would be utilized the most is a time where the office is closed (nights and weekends). Richard asked the newspaper representative to give him a call to discuss getting publicity for these offerings and he agreed. Richard has signed up with Subaru's "Share the Love Event" and found out that we are not eligible. Must be a 501c3 to qualify. There was a text message received that someone had a bad experience at the park when they rented pavilion 11. The complaint was that the tables were dirty and the mosquitos were bad. Richard explained that it was the pollen that had covered the tables and there was no real way to prevent that. There were several rainy days that contributed to the mosquitoes and with it being in the spring they are difficult to control as well due to the park being located within 500 acres of woods.

Michelle gave Richard Application information for 2021 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside of the Surface Block Grant with PennDOT to look into for the overlook funding.

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Marion Carling presented the board with the maps for the Mary F. Smith 2-lot subdivision located on Sutliff Hill Road. Bruce Benish explained the plans to the board. He stated that the deficiencies had been resolved and supplied the board with updated maps. On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed for final plan approval. Marion then presented the board with maps for Dandy Mini Marts 16. Willie Rowe explained the plans for land development to the board and answered questions. Marion explained to the board that she had met with Edmund Reid prior to the meeting and was told that all 10 deficiencies for this project had been met. On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed for preliminary plan approval.

Nathan Wiles then began his formalized weather service presentation by asking the board if they have ever checked the weather and gotten conflicting results. He stated that he would like to provide the township with a formalized weather service and gave examples as to why it would be beneficial along with his credentials. He presented the board with copies of the service contract and explained that his desire is to provide the township (up to 10 people) with forecasts 48 hours prior to bad weather (snow) from November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> at the rate of \$1295. He wants to help his hometown by contributing to keeping the roads safe as well as conserving resources. He believes this will help Susan better manage the road crews as they would be able to plan ahead for the storms with a more accurate picture of the impact it will have. Tressa told Nate that we would discuss the proposal and get back to him.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to approve the minutes of May 26, 2021 as written. Christine abstained as she was not here for that meeting.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to ratify the approval to waive temporary event permit fees for Athens Area School District through May 31, 2022. Christine opposed.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to ratify the decision to allow Charles Hogan to use his vacation and sick time to compensate for the difference in disability pay while he is on disability. Ullico (the insurance carrier) will pay the township and Ruth will pay Charles.

Solicitor John Thompson discussed with the board the ordinance to abandon the Clinton Street extension paper street. On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to advertise the ordinance.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to allow Ruth and Michelle to attend the PSATS Regional Forum in August at the cost of \$75 per person.

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On motion of Tressa, second by Christine, Motion passed to approve Ruth and Michelle to attend the PSATS Centennial Celebration Dinner and Annual Business meeting in Hershey on October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Susan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to reinstate Matt Gorman's office hours Tuesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm in the conference room.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to approve the renewal of the Enterprise Center lease through June 2022.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to renew the Color Service Maintenance Agreement with Copy Source through March 2022.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to pay the monthly bills as submitted. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

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

Just before executive session, Charles and Colton Lawton were addressed by John who asked if they were here regarding their case. John told them that we would discuss their issue in executive session and asked them if they had anything they would like to add. They stated that they did not. John asked the men if PennDOT cleared out the ditch by their house and they said yes. John told them that he would contact their attorney regarding the outcome of the executive session discussion. The men left.

Chairwoman Heffron took the Board into executive session at 6:50 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:48 PM.

On motion of Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to allow Edmund Reid to attend the PAFPM September Social on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Harrisburg.

On motion of Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to reject the proposed subdivision of the Evans lot as their plans do not currently meet the requirements.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to rescind scrapping the water truck and ratify the decision to send the water truck to auction along with the sterling MAC truck and the police vehicle.

On motion of Alan, second by Christine, motion passed to allow Susan to purchase the moon paver.

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On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to use Act 13 funds to purchase the Dump Truck from Bradco Supply Company.

On motion of Alan, second by Tressa, motion passed to advertise for the public works foreman position.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Rude  
Athens Township Administrative Secretary