

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
October 27, 2021 5 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Supervisors present were Kirstie Lake, Alan Burgess, Susan Seck and Christine Vough. Secretary Michelle Rude was also in attendance. Solicitor John Thompson was out of town. Tressa led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Voice of the Residents: Tressa called for the Voice of the Residents. No residents spoke at this time.

Richard Bean was present for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Cohen Law Group came back with a \$500 offer from Spectrum. Cohen is meeting with them to negotiate. The loan for the park expansion stands at \$70,880.00. The school district still has not been able to walk the Dunkley Hill property. Tressa stated that they are dealing with the election and other issues and it would most likely be the spring before they could walk through. They have not received any additional funds for the overlook. They will be putting the overlook project out for bid and are aiming to have it completed by next September. Cindy is waiting on aerial photos for the new park pamphlet. Michelle is working to schedule the survey for the canal property. The township will be working on Round Top Road. Tozer's Landing road has 3-4 potholes. There has been no additional information from Tioga County EMS regarding putting a tower on Round Top. Barry's last day of work for this year will be Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Barry's truck has some rust and may need to be replaced before next summer. They are not sure it will pass inspection.

On motion of Alan, second by Susan, motion passed to approve the meeting minutes for September 29, 2021.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to approve the budget workshop minutes for October 3, 2021.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to approve the budget workshop minutes for October 12, 2021. Alan abstained as he did not attend.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, motion passed to ratify the decision to hold Trick-or-Treating on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm, the same day as Sayre and Athens Boroughs.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to allow Aaron Brotzman to purchase SAFETY ZONE signs to post on the property adjacent to Round Top Park, south side of Weaver Road, to protect residents from hunters.

The supervisors took the PSATS 2021 Business Session Bylaw changes home to review and will discuss at the budget meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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The supervisors agreed to have Michelle forward the Green Light-Go email to them so they can further review and Michelle will reach out to our stop light vendor to see if they have and upgrade suggestions for the township that may benefit from this program.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, motion passed to pay the monthly bills.

Cindy Parrish addressed the board to explain the ZHB's report, specifically their decision to grant a use variance, and tell them it was contingent upon the Supervisors agreeing that they had the authority to do so.

On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to confirm that the ZHB has the authority to grant a use variance, instead of bringing this to the Board of Supervisors as a Conditional Use Hearing for this specific instance, allowing 175 Lamoka Rd. to be used as an Institutional Residence (drug/rehab facility). Susan opposed.

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda

Charles Lawson of Macaffee Rd. asked the Supervisors when they would be responding to his attorney. Tressa explained that our solicitor would be her on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November at 4:30 pm for our budget workshop and he was welcome to attend that meeting. Michelle stated that she would email our solicitor and let him know that Mr. Lawson would like a response. He then asked when we would be doing work on his road. Susan stated that she was waiting on PennDOT to relocate the wire. Charles stated that they came out and moved it last week and Susan told him that when they finish their current projects, and they allow some time for the water to go down, they could come out – maybe next week. He told Susan he would move his mailbox and he and Susan discussed the plan for the road, ditches, etc.

Tressa took the Board into executive session at 5:50 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:18 PM.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Rude  
Athens Township Administrative Secretary