

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
March 30, 2022 5 PM Regular Meeting

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

Auditor's report: Bill Morris, Shelly Regan and Richard McCracken attended. Bill gave an explanation of the report and stated that it had been submitted to and accepted by the state. He expressed his appreciation for the help he received from everyone, particularly Ruth. He also explained what it would take to have a CPA do the audit.

Voice of the Residents: Bryan Clymer of Mile Lane Rd. addressed the board concerning the man camp being converted into a drug rehab facility. He is worried about the effects it may have on the community. He feels that the township needs to notify the residents at an extended radius from the required notification boundary concerning this. John called Eddie and stated that there would need to be a land use or conditional use hearing before the supervisors or the ZHB prior to development.

Mike Klinger of Mile Lane Rd. had similar concerns. He addressed the board concerning the potential property value drop should this facility be developed. He would like to be notified of any hearing that comes before the board pertaining to this issue. He stated that he feels that this hurts the community more than it helps.

Richard Bean was present for the Township Parks Committee. He stated that Charter had agreed to a settlement and we should receive payment 30 days after the paperwork is submitted. The loan for the pond stands at \$70,880. The school district has still not been able to walk the Dunkley Hill property. Richard explained that they will resubmit the Bradford County Tourism grant when it is due. Cindy is waiting on aerial photos (should have late spring) to complete the updated park brochure. They have decided to wait for warmer weather to have the Junction Canal property surveyed. The new Park Truck has had the lettering done. They will be taking the star down on April 23rd tentatively. There is room to install a Pickleball court at East Athens Community for an estimated \$15,000-\$20,000. The date and time for the RTP fun run has been changed to Oct. 8th at either 8:30 or 9:30 am. They met with Colby Westervelt, the president of the Southern Tier Running Club and she gave them some ideas and guidance. They may team up with the club who meets on April 15th, 2022. They will be measuring the trail for the run this Saturday. They have scheduled a Sunrise Run on Aug 6th at Round Top.

The Committee is looking for a landscape architect to develop the 9 acres on Tozers Landing. Some ideas are pickle ball courts, trails, possibly playground equipment stations, exercise area, kayak storage rack, composting toilet and shuffle board. They will be asking for public input via Facebook. The cost is approximately \$8,000 to \$9,000. They will be applying for a grant with Endless Mountains Heritage for the overlook. Park inspection will be at Tozer's Landing at 9:00 AM on April 2nd and Barry will start April 4th. Round Top Park will open May 7th. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 25th.

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Eric Benjamin presented for the Fire Company. Their Chicken BBQ went well. They will be holding another one on April 30th. Their 2022 Fund Drive was mailed out on March 29th. They have no new members. Their next meeting is April 13th at 7pm. They have discontinued one tanker with no interruption of service. The area chiefs are meeting tonight to discuss potential consolidation of fire departments. They are looking for the best way to locate homes, possibly an ordinance requiring mailbox numbers.

Marion Carling spoke for the Planning Commission regarding the fee schedule. The fees haven't been updated since 2010. Alan will look into the numbers and discuss residential fees in April's meeting.

On motion by Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to add the non-residential development fees to the agenda.

On motion by Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to approve the fees proposed/recommended by Planning Commission for non-residential development. Any land use hearing will be as per the land use fees proposed by the Planning Commission.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to ratify the decision to submit 2 applications, one for a new municipal truck and one for RTP Road repair, for the lottery grant with the Local Share Account Statewide.

On motion of Kristie, second by Christine, motion passed to approve the renewal of our Morning Times subscription for the next year.

ON motion of Tressa, second by Christine, motion passed to accept Steve Sumner's resignation from the Athens Township Authority Board

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairwoman Heffron took the Board into executive session at 5:53PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:33 PM.

On motion of Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to add the hiring of Jack Pond to the agenda.

On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to hire Jack Pond to the DPW @ \$16.50/hour per the union contract.

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On motion of Alan, second by Tressa, motion passed to add the PWD attending the Watson Diesel luncheon to the agenda.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to send the DPW employees to the Watson Diesel luncheon on April 13th.

On motion of Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to add the new truck body purchase from Stevenson Equipment to the agenda.

On motion of Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to approve the purchase of a new truck body from Stevenson Equipment at the cost of \$117,348 to be allocated from the ARP funds. Susan is authorized to sign paperwork.

There being no further business, on motion of Tressa, second by Alan, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirstie Lake
Athens Township Vice Chairwoman