

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
June 29th, 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, and Susan Seck. Solicitor John Thompson and secretary Michelle Rude were also present. Tressa led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance then called for Voice of the Residents.

Voice of the Residents:

Robin Smith of 252 Winding River Drive addressed her concerns with the overgrowth on her road and asked the board to provide her with a timeline as to when it would be mowed. Tressa explained to the group that the Public Works department is short staffed at the moment but that we have hired a seasonal worker that should start next week and would be addressing the mowing for the township. Kirstie responded that her road is at the top of the list. Robin then asked the board for an update on when the pipe on her road would be unplugged. Susan stated that she would send C.T. over to clear it out.

Canan Cem-Regal of 819 Jacklin Rd. addressed the board concerning the dangerous condition of her road and that it continues to get “worse, and worse, and worse”. She told the board that there was a utility pole fire in March and the Fire Department was unable to get to it due to the road conditions. This is a safety concern for her and her neighbors. The actual condition of the road is a safety concern as well. She stated it was scary for her to drive the road, particularly between the 600-800 address numbers. She asked about the letter the residents of that road received from the township regarding repairs and asked what the best way to address questions they have is. Tressa stated that they could attend the meetings and Sue suggested that they reach out to the Bradford County Conservation Department for specific concerns with the road and its needed repairs.

Erin Wayman addressed the board concerning the Sayre Redskin Club’s e-waste recycling drive. Due to regulation changes, they are looking for donations to help fund the drive for the community. They have reached out to other municipalities and are wanting to open up their event to serve the communities of these municipalities. The cost will be \$12,000 flat rate and a variable rate of \$0.30/lb of recycling. They have \$4875 in pledges to date and donations can be made by contacting redskinsclub@gmail.com. They would like to host their event in Late Aug./early Sept. of this year. Tressa explained that our budget for the year has already been allocated but that if they wanted to hold it in the spring of next year they would see if there was anything the township could contribute when planning their next budget.

Richard Bean was present for the Township Parks Committee. He stated the school district has not been able to walk the Dunkley Hill property so they will stop asking. The offer stands if the district reaches out. The plan on applying for the Bradford Co. Tourism grant when it is due to add handicap parking and handicap access to the overlook. Meade Murtland is working on a logo for the Parks Commission. Richard asked John to draft a letter to Mrs. Blanchard stating what needs to be done before they are comfortable having the canal property surveyed. Michelle gave Richard the engineer quote to do the specs needed to advertise for bids on the overlook project. They have been meeting to organize the

Round Top Trail run. Richard asked John if he wanted to review their waiver and John said yes. He has not received a call back from Towbridge Wolf in regards to designing the Tozer's landing project so they have reached out to Borton Lawson. They received \$22,000 from the County Act 13 Community Development and Recreation Fund and will be applying for the Robert J. Sullivan Fund Grant to install a Pickle Ball court. Their next meeting will be on July 25th.

Marion Carling presented the board with maps for the two proposed subdivisions. She stated that the deficiency for Camp Little Seed had been met.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to grant final plan approval, contingent upon a maintenance agreement holding the purchaser of lot 6 responsible for the maintenance of the easement, for the Camp Little Seed 3-lot subdivision located on Murray Creek Rd.

On motion of Christine, second by Kirstie, motion passed to grant final approval, for the Hunsinger, John/Theresa 2-lot subdivision located on Chamberlain Rd.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to return the transit/level that was purchased from Bradco Supply and rescind the previous motion to purchase one.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, motion passed to accept Glenn O. Hawbaker's change order item numbers 70 & 80 for the Pennsylvania Ave./Lilley Ave. project.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to advertise for a Director of Public Works and a Heavy Equipment Operator position in various newspapers beginning this weekend.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to accept the resignation of Ginger Kinner as Tax Collector and advertise for her replacement.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to reappoint Michelle Browning to the Parks Commission.

The board set the date of August 1st at 5 pm for the map amendment hearing for GenON Holdings, LLC. John Thompson will advertise and secure the stenographer.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to add the following to the agenda:

- 1) Discuss/Approve Bradford County Commissioner's Sheshequin Half Path Marathon
- 2) Discuss/Approve Mary K. Reilly as a Fire Police Officer

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to approve Michelle signing the requested documents for the Bradford County Commissioner's Sheshequin Half Path Marathon.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to approve Mary K. Reilly as a Fire Police Officer.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, 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.

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On motion of Christine, second by Kirstie, motion passed to approve the minutes for May 25, 2022, June 22, 2022, and June 24, 2022.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to accept the monthly reports, excluding Roads as there wasn't a report submitted.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

George Ballenstedt briefed the board on the recent training and fundraisers for the ATVFC. They have raised around \$24,000 YTD. He explained that Williams Ford and Mavis will be installing Knox boxes and that CNN is hosting a bake sale and donating their proceeds to them.

Chairwoman Heffron took the Board into executive session at 6:50 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:01 PM.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to add the following items to the agenda:

- 1) Approve Solicitor Thompson to respond in writing to the DEP notice regarding Macham Lake
- 2) Approve Solicitor Thompson to draft a letter to Roberta Blanchard on behalf of the Parks Commission

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to authorize Solicitor John Thompson to respond to the notice received by the township from DEP regarding Lot 29 at Macham Lake.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to authorize Solicitor John Thompson to draft a letter Roberta Blanchard on behalf of the Parks Commission.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rude
Athens Township Administrative Secretary