

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
December 14th, 2022 5 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Supervisors present were Kirstie Lake, Alan Burgess, Christine Vough, and Bonnie Petruschak. Solicitor John Thompson was also in attendance. Secretary Michelle Rude was not present. Tressa led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eagle Scout Chris Deforest attended and was presented with a certificate for the work he did repairing a pavilion roof at RTP. FFA students were not in attendance but were also recognized for the work they did planting trees around the township.

Voice of the Residents: Eileen Atkins of 355 Moore Road attended and explained her concerns and issues with the Moore Road bridge being closed. Brenda Kelley of 153 Moore Road asked questions on the bridge and wanted better solutions. She stated they are not receiving mail. Paul Kelley of 153 Moore Road explained more on the need for the residents there to have the bridge. He would like us to explore opening the bridge to local traffic only. He believes we created a bigger liability closing the bridge than having it stay open. Joe Joyce of Hickory Heights suggested a tax increase in order to improve infrastructure.

There was no representative from the fire department or Parks Commission.

Marion Carling represented Planning Commission. She presented the board with the maps and documentation for: **Williams Ford** – a Final Land Development located on Elmira Street. Recommend final plan approval with four (4) deficiencies:

1. Need to show painted line for sidewalks
2. Remove “Lincoln” sign from plans or indicate it has been removed
3. Need to add zoning classification for adjacent properties
4. Need to close out NPDES

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to approve final plan approval contingent upon deficiencies being met to include the lines being done and NPDES being done in the spring.

Chuck Wright presented for the Public Works department and reviewed the road report with the supervisors. Moore Road: Communicated with Mr. Black about asking for permission to create a turn around. Miller Road: currently adequate. Thomas Avenue: was advertised this month. Round Top Road/Murray Creek Road: monitoring, and a PA One Call was made. Possibly creating a 1 lane bridge. Currently waiting on a report. Round Top Road: re-decking project starting in the spring. Murray Creek Road: re-decking project starting in the summer. Continue with the road rating inventory. All 4 trucks are ready to go for winter weather. PEMA/FEMA meeting was attending. Follow up in February.

Discuss:

1. Kirstie Lake made the motion, Bonnie Petruschak 2nd. Motion passed to approve the 2023 calendar.

2. Alan made the motion, Kirstie Lake 2nd. Motion passed to approve meeting dates and time to be advertised.
3. ATA discussion tabled
4. Appointments tabled
5. Vacancies tabled
6. Kirstie Lake made the motion, Bonnie Petruschak 2nd. Motion passed to accept Smiley's bid for 2 nights a week of cleaning plus the spring cleaning.
7. Kirstie Lake made the motion, Alan Burgess 2nd. Motion passed to hire Dawson Chilson as per the union contract as of 12/15/22.
8. Alan Burgess made the motion, Christine Vough 2nd. Motion passed to hire Dave Chandler as assistant foreman contingent on MOU approval. Start 12/15/22 for 6 months and then re-evaluate.
9. Discussion on cell phones tabled. Cindy and Michelle invited to special meeting to continue the conversation.

Motion to Pay the Monthly Bills was made by Alan Burgess, 2nd by Bonnie Petruschak. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Nov. 30th minutes was made by Bonnie Petruschak, 2nd by Christine Vough. Alan Burgess abstained. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the monthly reports was made by Kirstie Lake and 2nd by Tressa Heffron. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Bridges with Bassett. Look at what we can do. The road rating gives us ideas on what is needed.

Tressa took the board into executive session for personnel and pending litigation at 7:15 pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:45 pm.

Motion by Tressa Heffron, 2nd by Kirstie Lake. Motion passed to add Supplemental Agreement with Borton Lawson Water Absorption and Encroachment Permit from DEP, the MOU approval, and drug testing vendor to the agenda. Alan Burgess made the motion with Kirstie Lake's 2nd. Motion to approve all three items passed.

There being no further business, on motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Heffron
Athens Township Chairwoman (acting secretary)