

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
May 31st, 2023 5 PM Regular Meeting

Vice Chairwoman Kirstie Lake called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Supervisors also present were Christine Vough & Bonnie Petruschak. Solicitor John Thompson, secretary Michelle Rude, and Chuck Wright were also in attendance. Treasurer Ruth Casterline joined mid meeting and Supervisors Tressa Heffron and Alan Burgess were absent. Kirstie lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Clink was present for a portion of the executive session.

Voice of the Residents: None

Marion Carling presented the board with maps for the IR. Nick Vosburg with CEC addressed the board on behalf of the IR. He stated that they took the building design from a 2-story, 9,000 sq. ft. design to a 1-story, 8,000 sq. ft. design. The McDuffee St. entrance has shifted east by about 150 ft. and there was a small increase in impervious space for stormwater. The reason for the change was to decrease costs.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Bonnie, motion passed to grant preliminary plan approval contingent upon the 6 remaining deficiencies being met (need owner's signature, need to add sidewalks to the plan for McDuffee St., need surveyor's signature on acknowledgement statement, need developer's signature, need updated PennDOT HOP, and need lighting plan) as well as sidewalks being added to the plan for McDuffee St. as the supervisors have opted to reject the waiver for sidewalks that was submitted.

Dave Walter presented the Athens Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept. report. There was no representative for the Parks Commission but their report was submitted. Chuck Wright presented the Public Works Dept. report. All reports are on file with the township.

Chuck Wright requested an additional Road Workshop meeting for the month of June. On motion of Kirstie, second by Bonnie, motion passed to schedule a road workshop meeting on Tuesday, June 6th at 5:30 pm. Michelle will advertise in the paper.

David Warner of Warner Tractor addressed the board regarding the purchase of a CASE 580 SN WT Tractor Loader Backhoe at Chuck Wright's request. He explained the specs of the machine, financing options as well as the discounted rate through COSTARS.

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

On motion of Bonnie, second by Kirstie, 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 Bonnie, motion passed to approve the minutes for April 27, 2023. The minutes for May 11th, 2023 will have to be addressed at a later meeting due to lack of quorum.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to add the following items to the agenda: Discuss/Approve the proposed COSTARS backhoe purchase, Discuss/Approve signing 3-year lease for Enterprise Center with new owners for \$5000/year (same rate as before), and Discuss/Approve signing the Peer

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Assistance Program Scope of Services with Sayre Borough.

The board has decided to review the information presented for the COSTARS Backhoe and revisit this topic at their meeting on June 6th.

The board decided to review the previous contract and compare it to the new contract prior to making a decision on the Enterprise lease. They will revisit this at their meeting on June 6th.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Bonnie, motion passed to approve Michelle Rude signing the Peer Assistance Program Scope of Services with Sayre Borough.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Bonnie, motion passed to assign Tressa Heffron as the designated signatory for all equipment and vehicle purchases

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to approve executing the final purchase agreement documentation and issuing a check in the amount of \$64,639.94 the 2023 Chevy Tahoe PPV from COSTARS vendor Bonner Chevrolet Co. Inc. using \$60,000 from ARP account 410.700 and \$4639.94 from General Fund PD minor equipment account 410.260.

Michelle will reach out to Meade Murtland and invite him to attend the June 6th meeting to discuss the proposed rental fees for pavilion #9 and the overlook.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Vice Chairwoman Lake took the Board into executive session at 6:33 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:10 PM.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to add appealing the UC decision to the agenda.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to appeal the UC decision through Interstate and allow John Thompson to authorize the filing of the appeal.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Rude
Athens Township Administrative Secretary