

Athens Township Supervisors

August 30, 2023 5PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Supervisors present were Kirstie Lake, Christine Vough, Bonnie Petruschak and Alan Burgess. Solicitor John Thompson was also in attendance. Tressa lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Athens Township planning commission presented Bishop Brothers Construction, Inc, a preliminary land development plan approval with five (5) deficiencies. On motion of Kirstie seconded by Bonnie, Tressa declined, motion passed to grant preliminary approval contingent upon resolution of the deficiencies. Yearly updates after mining permit is issued. Adherence to the agreement of notifying first responders and execute waiver for the plan size and scale.

Voice of Residents: Eileen Sparduti of Meadowlark Drive thanked the Board and planning committee for hard work. Concerned on road maintenance. Bishops stated they will be responsible for damage to road. Allowances for flood plain not right. Tressa notified group to contact Bishops with concerns but Eileen stated she was comfortable approaching Tim.

Matt Cooper stating conditional use adhere to a proactive approach for oversight.

Michelle Browning-Looking at roads prior to start, road will be different.

Susan Loomis stating Winslow street only fixed road in front of restaurant. Continue to assess roads.

Deb Allen commented on speed limit saying can't depend on truck drivers to go slower. Also stated Mine effects entire valley and to publish on website. It was clarified that postings are online on township website and advertised in the newspaper.

John Cheresnowsky asked what the road signs were meant for. He was told they were meant for the Nasco Trucks.

Sandy Thurston asking about approvals of each phase.

Christine LaChive says the mining will destroy nature. Asked if Bishops could sub-lease.

David Chamberlain asked where is the archeology? Tutelow Creek burial grounds.

Deb Serfoss requested archeological study in 2022

The public was advised to address issues with DEP.

Paula Piatt of Sayre Hill asking about where in the schedule are Miller and Moore Road and blacktop patching on Sayre Hill. She was told they are not on the immediate radar yet and part of a 3-year plan.

Susan Loomis asking if patching on Winslow was contracted or private person and why aren't meetings recorded?

Chairwoman Heffron took the board into executive session at 7:38 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:38 PM.

On Motion of Tressa seconded by Kirstie, motion add Zach Hatch and Holly Randall to the agenda.

On motion of Tressa seconded by Bonnie, motion passed to authorize Cindy to utilize township seal.

On motion of Tressa seconded by Christine, motion passed to pay the monthly bills as submitted. A complete listing of the revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

On motion of Tressa seconded by Kirstie, motion passed to approve purchase orders from Hudson Valley Welding and to be paid from ACT 13.

On motion of Tressa seconded by Bonnie, motion passed to send a letter to Chris Sutton to clean up Junk Yard.

On motion of Tressa seconded by Kirstie, motion passed to hire Zachary Hatch as of September 14, 2023 and to authorize John to change MOU to reflect new language.

On motion of Tressa seconded by Kirstie, motion passed to hire Holly Randall as acting secretary at rate of \$20.00/hr. for up to 20 hours per week with additional determined by the board.

There being no further business, on motion of Bonnie, seconded by Christine, motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tressa Heffron, Acting Secretary

