

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
January 31, 2024 5:30 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Supervisors also present were Bonnie Petruschak, Ron Reagan and Matthew Moore. Solicitor John Thompson, secretary Holly Randall, Treasurer Ruth Casterline and Director of Public Works Chuck Wright were also in attendance. Tressa lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michele Browning from Parks spoke about Grants for Tozers Landing. Looking into security cameras.

Chuck Wright presented the Public Works Dept. report. And introduced the road crew to the public. Linda Rogers of 22 Peace Dale Lane, asked about any drivers in training. Richard Wood of 1058 Round Top Road asked about the repairs of Round top road including the bridge and pipe culvert.

No representative for Athens Twp Volunteer Fire Co. or Athens Twp Police Dept. On motion of Ron, second by Matt, motion passed to accept the monthly reports as submitted.

On motion of Matt, second by Bonnie, 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 Tressa, second by Matt, motion passed to approve the minutes of December 20th meeting as written. Ron abstained. On motion of Bonnie, seconded by Ronald, motion passed to approve the minutes of the January 2nd reorganizational meeting and January 15th special meeting.

Tressa spoke to the public on the Audio/Video recording and Public Comments Policy. (Any resident wishing to speak to the board on a topic that is not on the agenda may call the township secretary 48 hours in advance to be placed on the agenda. If the topic is on the agenda, resident may speak during the voice of residents.)

Larsen Design Group attended the meeting to go over Bridge inspections and answer any questions the Board and public had.

William King of 19 Moore Road asked about a timeline on when Bridge will be fixed.

Marc Rosato from Rally Point Resources spoke to the board and public about gas leasing in the township.

On motion of Bonnie, seconded by Ron, motion passed to keep NTSWA as the township waste disposable service.

On motion of Bonnie, seconded by Tressa, motion passed to keep TOPP Business Solution for digital files.

On motion of Ron, seconded by Bonnie, motion passed to appoint Kirstie Lake for Zoning Hearing Board. Term to expire 9/9/2025.

The Board of Supervisors scheduled two special meetings for February 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM for Roads workshop and February 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM for Personnel.

On motion of Matt, seconded by Tressa, motion passed to appoint Michele Browning for Vacancy Board.

On motion of Ron, seconded by Tressa, motion passed to ratify 4 hours for holiday pay on 12/22/2023 for Public Works employees.

On motion of Ron, seconded by Bonnie, motion passed to approve TRA Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement.

On motion of Bonnie, seconded by Matt, motion passed to approve PAAZO Spring Seminar on 4/14/24 for Ed Reid.

Voice of Residents: Rebecca Brown of McCardle Road stated McCardle Road is not being plowed and school van cannot make it to her house and son has missed school.

Deb Northrup of 6838 Wolcott Hollow Road asked about oath of office for her 6-year term of auditor position.

On motion of Ron, seconded by Matt, motion passed for Bond cancellation for secretary.

On motion of Tressa, seconded by Bonnie, motion passed to approve 2024-07 setting the amount of the contribution to ATVFC at \$90,000 for 2024.

On motion of Ron, seconded by Bonnie, motion passed to approve purchase of 7 new chairs for Board room.

On motion of Tressa, seconded by Matt, motion passed to approve Supplemental Agreement/Reimbursement Agreement for Thomas Ave Bridge as of January 31, 2024.

On motion of Tressa, seconded by Bonnie, motion passed to grant a 3% increase for all non-union full time and part time employees.

On motion of Matt, seconded by Ron, motion passed to pay invoice for Gannon Insurance in the amount of \$44.00.

On motion of Ron, seconded by Matt, motion passed to Adopt Audio/Video recording & Public Comments Policy.

On motion of Tressa, seconded by Bonnie, motion passed to approve the carryover of Ruth's vacation time.

Tressa took the board into executive session at 8:08 PM for personnel. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:46 PM.

There being no further business, on motion of Tressa, second by Matt, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly RandallAthens Township Acting Secretary