

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

July 9, 2025 6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

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Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Present were Supervisors – Tressa Heffron, Bonnie Petruschak, Ronald Reagan and Michael Freeland; Matthew Moore was unable to attend. Secretary Meagan Carling and Treasurer Lauren Hotaling were also in attendance, along with Superintendent of Public Works Garret Stocks. Heffron led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Voice of the Residents: None

Athens Twp. Planning Commission: No representative in attendance – no business to discuss.

Athens Twp. Volunteer Fire Co.: No representative in attendance – no business to discuss.

The Board of Supervisors, along with Stocks, expressed many thanks for the ATVFC's help extinguishing the vehicle fire that claimed Truck #12 from the Township's Public Works fleet earlier in the day.

Athens Twp. Parks Commission: No representative in attendance.

Discussion was had regarding another water leak / repairs needed to the line at Tozer's Landing; contractor scheduled to inspect the problem on Wednesday, July 23rd 2025; relaying question of water need to the Chairman of PARKS and will have him follow-up.

Athens Twp. Public Works Dept.:

Superintendent of Public Works Garret Stocks arrived part-way through discussion on the agenda items for his department. Stocks was able to address each item listed and address questions / concerns from both the Board and resident Rosemary Firestine regarding drainage and equipment.

Discussion was had regarding the LDG response to the decision made at the BOS 6/25/25 meeting for the Moore Road Bridge Strengthening Project extension requested by the contractor, L.C. Whitford being granted contingent upon the fee for liquidated damages per day payout; Solicitor John Thompson drafted a response for review.

On motion of Freeland, seconded by Petruschak; motion passed approving the letter drafted by Solicitor Thompson and permitting him to send it as written to the point of contact for L.C. Whitford. The letter supports the Board's previous decision to grant the (21 day) extension contingent upon payment of delay damages, noting willingness to negotiate a resolution to ensure timely completion.

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Discussion was had regarding Stocks plan to reallocate some liquid fuels funds for those previously budgeted for “major equipment (430.740)” to be moved to “materials (438.200)” in order to replenish their supplies.

On motion of Reagan, seconded by Petruschak; motion passed to reallocate some liquid fuels funds from “equipment” to “materials”; exact amount to be discussed between Stocks / Treasurer Hotaling and will be provided for the next Board of Supervisors meeting 7/30/25.

On motion of Petruschak, seconded by Heffron; motion passed to advertise and bid out 5500 tons of 2A- Type S, PA State Certified DSA to provide additional materials needed to complete planned roads.

Discussion was had regarding the Board of Supervisors taking a “ROADS” trip prior to budget sessions beginning; Stocks obtaining PennDOT representative availability to accompany the Board & Stocks for this – TABLED until future meeting when availability determined.

Revised quote from Pendell Companies for the repairs to the garage ceiling. TABLED until the next Board of Supervisors meeting – did not receive this document prior to this meeting.

On motion of Freeland, seconded by Petruschak; motion passed to approve purchase order for excavator track pads from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$7,360 from liquid fuels funds (430.740).

Discussion was had regarding the Asphalt Zipper demonstration the Township received – Heffron, Freeland, Stocks and Road Crew all attended. Stocks distributed the basic information on the equipment for review but is still waiting on confirmation of cost breakdown; TABLED until the next Board of Supervisors meeting 7/30/25 to have the figures to discuss.

Jacob Boda started 7/7/25 in the “Highway Department Temporary Position”.

Stocks excused himself from the meeting at this time to rejoin the Public Works Department at site clean-up from the Truck #12 fire earlier in the day.

Athens Twp. Police Dept.: Chief Clink was available to represent the Police Department and answer questions and concerns raised by resident Rosemary Firestine regarding Township Officers’ involvement in a high-speed chase that had occurred “yesterday” (Tuesday, 7/8/25). Discussion continued with Chief Clink, resident Firestine and the Board of Supervisors.

Minutes: On motion of Reagan, seconded by Petruschak; motion passed to approve the Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes from 6/25/2025; Heffron abstained – she was not in attendance.

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Consider / Discuss

Discussion was had regarding funding opportunities through “HARC Grant” via PHMC and “TA Set-Aside Program” via PennDOT; TABLED until the next Board of Supervisors meeting 7/30/25 – time needed for review to determine if the Township (projects) could meet the requirements for applying.

Discussion was had regarding preliminary budget discussions starting sooner rather than later; TABLED – Secretary Carling to gather availability for Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks, Office to have their “wish lists” ready and scheduling options for all, plus Treasurer, for workshop options.

Discussion was had regarding the Roadway Management Conference being held in Ocean City, MD from October 27-29, 2025 and option for Stocks + 1 Road Crew Member to attend; TABLED until the next Board of Supervisors meeting 7/30/25 to discuss the information with Stocks and his recommendation for the “+ 1”.

PA Assoc. of Floodplain Managers Annual Conference, September 15-16, 2025 attendance – TABLED until next Board of Supervisors meeting confirm with Ed Reid on booking details.

Personnel – nothing to discuss at this time, will revisit in Executive Session if needed.

Correspondence / Information

PA Floodplain Development Guide, updated June 2025 received. Noted.

Western Bradford County COG, June 2025 meeting reports received. Noted.

Chairwoman Heffron took the Board into Executive Session at 7:17 PM,
for personnel – staff & legal – assessment update.

Supervisor Freeland excused himself from the remainder of the meeting at 8:18 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:40 PM.

There being no further business, on motion of Reagan, seconded by Petruschak;
it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meagan Carling
Athens Township Secretary