

Athens Township Authority
July 21, 2025

Meade Murtland called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Members also present were Doug Williams and Bill Steimel, Todd Johnson arrived at 5:40 p.m. Julie Lewis, Secretary along with Joshua Cassidy were also present.

Citizens - James Gensel from Fagan Engineers, Holly Jennings, Plant Manager at Cabinet Works and Harit Khampakasy, Facilities Engineer & Maintenance Manager were also present. James from Fagan Engineers stated that he is still waiting for the Final decision from the ARC grant to proceed. He said that this grant is for the Engineering for the upgrades to the pump stations. When this grant comes through, they will make a list of upgrades and it will be prioritized. We will then go for other grants to get the most important ones completed and then go for other grants to get more of the list completed.

Minutes – Meade Murtland asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2025 There was a motion by William Steimel seconded by Doug Williams. Todd Johnson was not in attendance at the time the vote was taken. The vote was unanimous.

Financial – July bills totaled \$18,024.43. There was a motion by Bill Steimel seconded by Doug Williams accept and pay the bills. Motion was unanimous. Julie let the authority know that last month's bills totaled \$106,309.26 not 106,009.26. There was a motion by Bill Steimel seconded by Doug Williams, the vote was unanimous.

Aqua PA	100.00
Aqua Pennsylvania	\$ 2,066.69
Athens Borough Council	\$ 4,886.96
Cassidy Sewer Service	\$ 6,511.19
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 65.00
Doug Williams	\$ 150.00
Empire Access	\$ 32.48
Link Computer Company	\$ 645.23
Meade T. Murtland	\$ 150.00
Niemiec, Smith & Pellinger	\$ 12.75
PA One Call	\$ 3.00
Penelec	\$ 1,907.02
Pitney Bowes	\$ 84.99
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	\$ 24.84
Tom's Hardware	\$ 657.99
Valley Energy	\$ 89.29

William Steimel	\$ 150.00
Zeiser Precast	\$ 487.00
	\$ 18,024.43

Delinquent list – Went over the delinquent list. The list total presented to the authority was \$21,341.75. Julie stated the billing just went out and most on there are only 1 billing behind. One account a lien was placed on the home and 2 other account the attorney is working on the liens now. Julie gave some brief information about a couple more delinquent accounts.

MAINTENANCE – Josh stated it ws a good month. He had an issue at one of the pump stations with the muffin monster being clogged and when he went to pull it, the cable and hook were missing. He called bought a new cable and hook. Then hooked it to the joist. Once it was pulled, it looked like it was the cable that had fallen in it. Josh stated that a lot of things in the pump stations are tied up with metal and that gets corroded and then breaks. He is in the process of changing out the metal so that this doesn't happen. He stated that he needs to get Van Patton out to pump station 4 to fix a component. There was a water leak at pump station 4 as well. The water is turned off until Van can come out and fix that as well. Josh stated the water is only used when cleaning something off or cleaning the well. Bill asked when it will be cleaned again. Josh stated it had just been cleaned and it gets cleaned about every 6 months.

LEGAL – None

Other Business –Meade asked for a motion to appoint Todd Johnson as Authority Secretary. There was a motion made by Doug Williams seconded by Bill Steimel. The vote was unanimous. Holly Jennings, Plant Manager at Cabinet Works spoke in regards to their sewer bill. She stated that the water that is used to keep the wood moist by their misters and the water that is used for their boiler does not go into the sewer system. She was proposing to have a meter on their mister so that it can be metered as to how much is used for misting the wood. There is already a meter on their boiler that they use internally. She was proposing to have the meters read and the amount of water used for the boiler and the mister be taken off of the sewer bill usage as it doesn't go into our sewer system. Bill would like to know how what percentage is used for misting and the boilers. She said about 700,000 gallons a quarter. She said that Aqua has one pipe in for the fire system. James from Fagan Engineers spoke up and said that there was a discussion about 5 years ago with Masco and the agreement was made that Masco was to put in a waste water system and have someone qualified to upkeep the system. James stated he would find the file and send it to Julie. Meade stated he would like to table the discussion until James sent the information to Julie.

Executive – None

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Steimel and seconded by Doug Williams. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32p.m.

Next meeting is August 18, 2025 @ 5:30

Respectfully,

Julie Lewis

Administrative Secretary