

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
August 31st, 2022 5 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Supervisors present were Kirstie Lake, Christine Vough, and Alan Burgess. Solicitor John Thompson and secretary Michelle Rude were also in attendance. Tressa led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance then called for Voice of the Residents.

Voice of the Residents: Ron Reagan of 1175 Sunnyfield Dr. asked the Supervisors to do the necessary repairs to his road. He expressed that he had farm equipment delivered and that the delivery drivers commented on how awful his road was. He stated that from his farm to Farr Rd. the road washes out every time it rains and is continuously getting worse. He also expressed that he is very upset at the state of Round Top Road. He stated that Round Top Park is the “pride & joy” of the township and he doesn’t understand why the supervisors have allowed it to go back down to a dirt road. Tressa explained the reasoning behind taking the road down to dirt and explained that we have been running a 3-man road crew all summer and that is why the road repairs are behind. Ron then discussed the sluice pipes that were put on Reagan Rd and how they are sunken in and need to be filled/have a permanent cover. Susan stated that they needed the road to settle but, now that it has and we have hired more road crew, they guys are finishing up Sunnyfield Dr. and will move onto Reagan. Ron asked Susan if they would be doing Reagan Rd. to Farr Rd. and she told him that the crew would be and that they would be using millings for now.

Jean Stromick of 1605 Sunnyfield Dr. also came to discuss Reagan Rd. She stated that she just took her new car in to get serviced and the mechanic commented that she must be driving terrible roads. She claimed that the road crew made Sunnyfield so rough when they did repairs in the spring that she can no longer travel portions of it.

Deb Buck of 213 Roosevelt St. asked the board for a date to begin the repairs on her road. Susan told her that they are scheduled to do the repairs next week.

Meade Murtland was present for the Township Parks Committee. He is working on getting a logo for the Parks Commission done by a local graphic artist. Mrs. Blanchard did receive John’s letter listing the concerns of the Park’s Commission. John stated that she called him upon receipt of the letter and he directed her to reach out to Richard directly. The Round Top Trail run has been canceled. They signed off on the proposal for Tozer’s Landing master plan at the cost of \$10,000. They have applied to Chesapeake for a \$10,000 grant to cover the costs. Eagle Scout Andrew Defrost of troop 4018 will install a kayak rack at Tozers Landing. They are discussing whether to build a Pickle Ball court for \$16,000 in East Athens or put that money towards 50% DCNR grant for Tozer’s Landing. Their next meeting will be on Sept. 26th.

There was no representation from ATVFD or Planning Commission

Susan Seck attended the meeting and did give a brief update on the roads. She met with the municipal rep and they discussed the shape of Murray Creek Rd., McCardle Rd., and Jacklin Rd. She stated that there is only \$2800 left in the road maintenance budget for the year.

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On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to accept the offer to disregard Invoice #2002 from Chris Sutton's Garage

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion was made to not accept the map amendment change. Alan abstained from the vote and Christine voted against the motion so the supervisors decided to table the discussion until their next meeting

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, 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 Christine, motion passed to approve the minutes for June 29, August 1, and August 15. Alan abstained.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to approve the minutes for July 27. Tressa abstained.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to accept the monthly reports, excluding Roads as there wasn't a report submitted.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairwoman Heffron took the Board into executive session at 5:31 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:21 PM.

On motion of Tressa second by Kirstie, motion passed to add permitting John to respond via letter to Pernell and scheduling a special meeting to the agenda.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to have John write a response letter to Pernell.

On motion of Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to advertise for a special meeting on Sept. 13th at 6 pm for executive session/workshop as well as other issues that may come before the board.

There being no further business, on motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rude
Athens Township Administrative Secretary