

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

April 9, 2014 6 PM

Vice Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck and Christine Vough. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance.

Voice of the Residents: None

Robin presented the paperwork for the submittal of the Round Top Park Expansion Grant Application: RESOLUTION 2014-06 authorizing Cheryl to sign, signature page, and letter listing in-kind amounts. On motion of Christine, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-06 and to approve, sign and execute the grant paperwork.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Christine, it was unanimous to have Cheryl sign the letter of support for the Diahoga Trails grant being submitted by Sayre Borough in conjunction with Athens Borough and the Valley Joint Sewer Authority.

Ron Reagan arrived at 6:08 PM.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to grant the contract extension to March 21, 2015 for the preliminary engineering on the Thomas Avenue bridge.

Joe Quatrini had dropped off the Dirt and Gravel Road Program grant paperwork for the next stage of Murphy Road. Our in-kind share was estimated at \$49K, but they were able to fund the flex-mat portion of the project with their educational funds by using it as a training site, which brought us down to an estimate of \$36K. On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the contract, with Cheryl to sign.

Robin said Cole Construction had asked if they needed to do an actual performance bond, or could they do a certified check in that amount? John Thompson said the certified check would be fine. On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to accept a certified check for the bond amount.

Ruth gave Robin an invoice for windshield de-icer that was ordered by Ray in December. Ray has been off on Worker's Comp since early November. Randy said he did not order this. It was sent to Ray's house and Ray is returning it. Randy said Ray had called him and asked him to come and pick it up and Randy wouldn't do that. Randy said Ray asked him to sign the invoice and he wouldn't. A past-due notice was received the end of March. Someone called to see if the product was

returned and it was not. John Thompson said we should contact Ray to see if he has proof that he sent it back, and send a letter to the company advising them this was not authorized by the township and it was not delivered here.

Randy explained the lease proposal for a roller from Monroe Tractor. Randy said we would be able to use the old roller to hammer the rough work until a new roller came, if we bought one. The purchase of another used tandem axle chassis was also considered. Discussion was held. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to send Randy and Mike to Arthur Trovei & Sons, Inc. to get specs on a tandem axle chassis and to see if they had any rollers available, and to have Susan call to get more roller prices (lease and purchase).

Robin asked about the cable franchise. John said he had sent the changes we wanted in the agreement to Frank Pilling, who was at our original meeting. They needed to go to someone else, so John took care of that and has received the franchise agreement that includes all our changes. On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the franchise agreement with North Penn. John will take care of the paperwork and get us a fully-executed copy of the agreement.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to accept Maurice Fay's letter of resignation, which was submitted on April 1, 2014, with regret.

The Public Works department was present to request permission to go to a 4-day, 10 hours/day work week. They would like to work from 6 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday. Susan asked if they could stagger their workweek to have some Monday through Thursday and some Tuesday through Friday. Randy said they need the whole crew together. Ron said the contract has several sections that would have to be changed for this to happen. He asked what if there was an emergency on a Friday – everyone would be on overtime. Randy said they would get more work done in 40 hours with 10-hour days. They would also be taking their days of vacation in 10-hour increments instead of 8. Cheryl said, overtime aside, do you feel you'd be safe working four 10-hour days in a row? Would you be tired? Burned out? She said there would be a process to change the contract and the Board will discuss this request in executive session.

Cheryl took the Board into executive session at 7:15 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The secretary was excused at 7:25 PM. The meeting reconvened at 9:27 PM. The remaining minutes were taken by Ron Reagan.

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On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to have Attorney Thompson draft correspondence to Attorney Williams to convey a counter proposal for settlement on the Road C subbase.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have Attorney Thompson draft a letter to Joe Sindoni regarding water at the Airport Seniors Community.

On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to interview for the supervisor position.

On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to appoint Cheryl Wood-Walter as Chairman of the Board to replace Maurice Fay as Chairman after his resignation.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith  
Secretary