

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
May 28, 2014 7 PM

Vice Chairman Ronald Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, George Ballenstedt and Christine Vough. Cheryl Wood-Walter was at another commitment. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance.

David Fortune of the Bradford County Veteran's Memorial Park Association gave a presentation on their park in Towanda. They have raised \$350,000 toward the park and asked if the Board would consider donating \$25,000 of the Act 13 funds toward the project. No decision was made. He thanked the Board for their time.

Voice of the Residents:

Christine Vough presented pictures that Susan Loomis of Winslow Street had left with her for tonight's meeting regarding the Walmart construction. Christine had written Susan's questions on the pictures with Susan's permission and touched on them with the Board. The pictures were not given to the Secretary for inclusion in the record.

Richard Bean was not present for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Patrick Musto was not present for Athens Township Authority.

Ron called for approval of the minutes. Robin advised the Board that on page 6, paragraph 4, she had put the wrong amount in for the Bradco invoice (\$56,214.17) and it should have been \$56,490.17. Christine said she would like to clarify her comments on page 3 about Murray Creek Road. She said she was okay with posting the section of Murray Creek Road in question as 'no winter maintenance' but she was not okay with the closure of the road as we would lose liquid fuels money for that if it was blocked off. Christine also wanted it noted that she did not remember Ron Reagan being called on to vote in the roll call vote on page 1 in the matter of appointing a new supervisor. On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of April 30, 2014 with these changes and comments.

Ron read the letter Robin drafted to Tops Markets expressing the Board's safety concerns that Tops consider themselves to be Sayre Borough when they are actually in Athens Township. This misconception could result in delayed emergency response to their store if they call Sayre instead of Athens Township. The letter will be signed by all the supervisors. Dorothy Stark of Clinton Street said she went to talk to the manager at Tops after reading about their grand reopening in "Sayre" – and she said the manager didn't know where his store was. She expressed disappointment that they donated all that money to Sayre Borough and nothing to struggling Athens Township. Ron thanked her for taking the time to go talk with the manager.

Robin had contacted Becky Clark with regards to what the County does for fraud protection on their bank accounts. She said they are presently in discussions with their banks as well and will let me know what they decide.

The Cole/Drabinski/Consolidated Resources Zoning Map Amendment Hearing was set for July 9, 2014 at 6:30 PM. John Thompson will secure a stenographer and will also do the legal notice.

Robin presented an invoice from Bradco for an additional \$850.28 for the air tailgate on the new truck. Robin advised the Board that she spoke with Terry Sheets from Bradco and he had forgotten to include this in the original spec. Christine asked where we would get the money from and Robin said it could come from their equipment funds. She asked what account number that was in the budget and Robin showed her the highway account numbers. On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to pay for the air tailgate and to take the money for this from line item 437.200 in the General Fund budget.

Greater Valley EMS is having a public recognition event on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM for the valley communities who contributed toward their new air compressor. Robin had already responded for George and Cheryl and needed to know if anyone else was going. Christine will attend. Robin will RSVP for her.

Robin had been contacted by Joe Quatrini of Bradford County Conservation District (BCCD) to see if the township would consider being the application sponsor for a Growing Greener grant to do stabilization work in Orcutt Creek in Athens Township. There would be no cost to us, and BCCD would do all the work – we would just have to facilitate the application. On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to sponsor this application, and to have the Chairman sign the paperwork.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to pay the substitute cleaning person, Valerie Senese, \$10/hour with the township supplying all cleaning supplies.

Robin presented information for a possible partnership with Keep PA Beautiful for our Adopt-A-Township-Road program. They would become the administrator of the project, they would supply the signs, and we would supply everything else. Discussion was held as to what the benefit would be to us. On motion of Susan, second by Ron, it was unanimous NOT to partner with Keep PA Beautiful, and to administer our own program.

Robin received notification of a possible tax refund due to a change in assessment for Raymond and Helen Sheehan. The assessment difference is \$1700 for the removal of a pool. The Board would like Robin to get a figure from Ginger Kinner before they decide if they will approve the refund.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to accept the monthly reports as presented.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the payment of the monthly bills as presented. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

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Robin reported that Ruth had received the invoice for our portion of the tax collector bond and had paid the invoice. It is for Ginger Kinner's four-year prepaid Bond and the amount is \$821.00 total for the 2014 – 2018 period.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Ed Reid has been working with DCED to update our floodplain ordinance and make sure it's in compliance. He has submitted a draft copy for review. Robin gave copies to the Board and to John Thompson. They will review for our meeting of June 4<sup>th</sup> and will advise John whether or not to advertise it for adoption at our June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan it was unanimous to renew Ed's membership in the Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc., and to also have him do the webinar on June 26<sup>th</sup> for \$30 on homeowners flood insurance affordability.

Robin received a letter from Mary Hutz of Guthrie wanting to do a 5K run for obesity awareness on September 20, 2014 'in Athens Township'. She did not give any specifics as far as route, location, insurances, permits, permissions, etc. in the letter, but she had mentioned possibly doing the same course as the Jim King Run in conversation. The Board needs more information before they can approve this. Robin will contact Mary for more specific information, and also let her know she will need all of the above before the Board can consider this proposal.

Vice Chairman Ron Reagan took the Board into executive session at 7:45 PM for pending litigation. The Secretary was excused at this time and the remaining minutes were taken by Ronald Reagan. Cheryl Wood-Walter arrived at 8:45 PM. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:14 PM.

Robin is directed to advertise a special meeting for June 11, 2014 at 6 PM, but to talk to John Thompson first to see if the meeting will still be necessary.

Robin is also directed to calculate how much money we receive for the "No Winter Maintenance" portion of Murray Creek Road.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to have the public works department open the pipe at Airport Seniors with police presence.

Cheryl appointed George to the Committees of Recycling and Police. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Robin L. Smith, Secretary

