

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

June 4, 2014 6 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck and George Ballenstedt. Ronald Reagan was running late and Christine Vough was not in attendance. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also present.

Randy Harford was present for the Highway Department. He said he would like to apply for 2 inmates to come the week of June 23rd to help with crushing in the shop yard, and apply for 2 more to come July 7 – July 18 to help with tree removal on Murphy Road. On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to approve this, and to have Cheryl execute the application paperwork.

Discussion was held on the possibility of placing a bid on the 1999 Volvo tandem axle for sale by Girard Township, Erie County. Robin had looked at a couple auction sites online and had printed off a few trucks for comparison if they would like to place a bid. Randy said we are getting so much Impact Fee money we should not be buying used, we should buy a new truck to put the box on from Truck 4. Bids are due on June 24th for the Girard Township truck. No action was taken.

Robin had been asked to calculate the Liquid Fuels annual amount we receive for the “No Winter Maintenance” portion of Murray Creek Road. The section is about 2/3 of a mile, and the amount we receive is approximately \$2,014.86. No action was taken.

Randy had Mike Spolar of Midland Asphalt with him to discuss the 2014 road work list. Robin asked Mike if he had estimates yet and he did not. Discussion was held as far as getting the roads on a maintenance cycle which would involve crackfill, stone and oil, skimpatch, cold mix and asphalt. Roads that are scheduled for the next phase will take priority and if there is money left in the budget, you can do other roads. The objective is to get on a program with long-term planning.

Cheryl asked Randy where Erin Road is in the plan. He said 3 weeks ago he put drainage in. The traffic that road gets needs something harder in the spots that weren't topped, so he'd like to use asphalt in those spots. Randy showed the Board the estimate from Athens Borough for our portion of the paving of West Frederick Street - \$12,000 for 200 feet. Mike Spolar said it costs about \$365,000 to pave one mile of road. Randy said Erin Road is stable in a lot of places. The trouble spot is where you come from Smithfield. If they laid 3"-4" of base coat, that would hold that road.

Mike Spolar said they're looking at shooting about 200 ft. in front of people's houses with oil for dust control so it's visible. Randy said he'd like to put calcium down for about 500 ft. in front of the houses.

Mike said it's too late in the season for crack filling, but they can do that in the fall when it's cooler. Cheryl asked them to prepare a list of roads with amounts for the June 25th meeting. On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have Randy and Mike start scheduling the roadwork within our budget range and give us a timeline for the work.

Chairman Wood-Walter recessed the regular meeting at 6:35 PM for the Sayre Health Care Center, LLC Conditional Use Hearing for a 90-bed nursing home on Keefer Lane. They had previously been granted Conditional Use approval for a 50-bed nursing home and they are now looking at increasing to 90 beds. John Thompson introduced the Board members and the Board's exhibits. Mike Kelly, Gary Burcher and Attorney Damian Rossettie were present for Sayre Health Care Center, LLC. Testimony was taken by Stenographer Myra Ludden. The Board went into executive session at 7:44 PM for deliberation. The hearing reconvened at 7:58 PM. Motion was made by Ron with a second by George to approve this Conditional Use, and the roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Seck – yes; Mr. Ballenstedt – yes; Ms. Wood-Walter – yes; Mr. Reagan – yes. Christine Vough was not present. The hearing adjourned at 8 PM.

Chairman Wood-Walter reconvened the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Cheryl appointed George Committeeperson for the Fire Department.

Ed Reid was present to discuss the draft of the floodplain ordinance. George had some comments and he will meet with Eddie to discuss them further.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session at 8:22 PM for pending litigation and personnel. The secretary was excused and the remaining minutes were taken by Ronald Reagan. The meeting reconvened at 9:59 PM.

On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to bill Athens Township Authority for the additional sewer line relocation for Road C.

On motion of George, second by Ron, it was unanimous to rescind the prior motion to have our public works department remove the obstruction to the drainage pipe in

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the berm on Cole Street, and to have John Thompson send a letter to the Airport Seniors Community Manager, Mr. Joe Sindoni, advising him to remove the obstruction to that storm water facility.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Secretary