

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

June 25, 2014 7 PM

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

Voice of the Residents:

Janet Hoagland of 943 Macafee Road said her road was torn up and has not been completed. When will it be done? She was told it would not be paved until next year, but it would be sealed this year. They didn't do the ditches. They told her the road needs to dry. It's dry. Susan said the guys worked on potholes last week and the Miller Road bridge issue came up – that may be why they are delayed getting back there. Susan asked Christine if she had talked to Randy and she said she hasn't talked to him in a while. Susan will talk to Randy about this and will get back to Janet.

Ralph Blowers asked if we can employ prisoners to cut grass on the Milltown bridge? On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to reapply for prisoners to do brush cutting.

Ron Reagan presented the Vincent DeSisti 2-lot subdivision on Elmira Street (formerly DeSisti Trailer Court) for review. Planning Commission recommends preliminary and final plan approval. Ron said the Zoning Hearing Board has granted a variance for the smaller lot. On motion of Christine, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve this subdivision.

Next was the John/Theresa Hunsinger 2-lot subdivision, Lot 1A to become part and parcel to John/Theresa Hunsinger on Chamberlain Road. Planning Commission recommends preliminary and final plan approval. On motion of Cheryl, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve this subdivision.

Last was the Sayre Health Care Center Phase 1 land development for a 50-bed nursing home at 151 Keefer Lane. Gary Burcher explained the plan to the Board. They have had several revisions to this plan, but they are going back to the original plan with the circular entrance drive. Gary apologized for so many changes. Ron said we have already approved a plan for 74 beds, so that would need to be withdrawn. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to grant preliminary approval only to Phase 1 of this land development, contingent upon the receipt of a letter of withdrawal for the 74-bed nursing home that was approved previously.

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On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to reappoint Richard Bean to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire July, 2019.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks and Recreation Commission. They participated in the Guthrie Obesity Prevention and Awareness Health Fair on Saturday, June 7th. No response yet from the Fish and Boat Commission on their grant. The Commission will be meeting with the neighbors of the Jim King Memorial Park about a fence or trees on the south border of the park. Richard has also asked Robin to order another trash can for that park. They are also applying for other grants for the Round Top Park expansion. The ramp needs to be cleaned off at the boat landing when the water goes down. DEP has sprayed Round Top Park for mosquitoes. The DCNR grant will be approx. \$100,000 (\$400,000 requested) so they have come up with a Phase I that will be submitted to Harrisburg for the lesser amount. The Commission is also applying for a CFA Marcellus Legacy Fund Grant in the amount of \$250,000. On motion of George, second by Ron, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-07, designating Cheryl Wood-Walter to sign all necessary paperwork for this grant. The Commission has also adopted a Mission Statement.

Dr. Musto was not present to report for the Athens Township Authority.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of May 28, 2014 as written.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it passed to approve the minutes of June 4, 2014 as written. Christine abstained as she was unable to attend that meeting.'

On motion of Cheryl, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of June 11, 2014 as written.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to ratify the bid of \$75,000 for the 1999 Volvo tandem axle dump truck being sold by Girard Township, Erie County, PA. Robin reported that we did receive the bid award as we were the high bidder. On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to take the payment of \$75,000 for the truck from the Sinking Loan Fund to be repaid with the Act 13 funds for 2014 when they arrive in July; to have Ron Reagan take a Public Works employee with him to pick up the truck; and to have Ron Reagan sign all the necessary paperwork for the truck.

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Robin gave the Board copies of the State Contract for graders, just listing the sections pertaining to graders. Susan and Christine will review and talk with Randy.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve the refund of \$18.33 to Raymond/Helen Sheehan for 2014 for removal of their pool.

Susan said she had talked with Phil Stump of Larson Design Group (LDG) about our highway department doing the repair on the Miller Road bridge. Our guys say they can have it done in a week. Randy thinks they can do it. Phil said LDG can inspect the repair at key times to make sure it's being done properly. They charge \$90/hour, and figure it will be an approximate total of \$2100. Ralph Blowers was present and said they would like to get a couple guys from the jail to do the jackhammering. Robin said we need to submit an application for approval for inmates, and we probably won't get anything approved by Monday, as this has to go before their board. Robin asked if we would have to bid the concrete. Susan said they need to keep the repairs below the threshold. They will also need to put a tarp down to protect the water. They can make the forms from plywood, they'll need a concrete vibrator, concrete saw, temporary bridge supports, etc. as per the repair guidance sheet and drawings. Susan has specs for the project. Robin asked her to send them to her for the file, and she will.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Christine, it was unanimous to have our Public Works guys do the repair of the Miller Road bridge; have LDG do the inspections as the bridge is being repaired and issue us a final inspection report; get a detailed cost of the project including materials and equipment rentals; and get 2 inmates from the jail, if possible.

Robin gave the Board a list of prices for time clocks, with details. The Board will review for our July meeting.

Robin gave the Board a letter that Chief Larry Hurley had submitted this afternoon requesting approximately \$12,000 to replace the department tasers as soon as possible. He said "Several tasers are already inoperable and all should be replaced immediately. Some officers are not equipped at this time and are currently sharing tasers". On motion of Susan, second by Ron, it was unanimous to have Larry purchase the tasers immediately; to pay for them with our 2014 Act 13 money, but borrowing from the Sinking Loan Fund if necessary until it can be repaid by the 2014 Act 13 money.

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

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda. The fire company request for \$35,000 from the Act 13 monies for 2014 is included here. Robin will ask to get the "Roadway Safety Improvement Program" class scheduled closer, and possibly here at our building.

Robin had also received a request from Mary Neiley for a Letter of Support for the Bradford County Sanitation Committee Growing Greener grant application. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to sign the Letter of Support for this grant.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session at 8:07 PM for pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:43 PM.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Secretary