

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

July 9, 2014 6:30 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, George Ballenstedt, Christine Vough and Ronald Reagan. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance.

Cheryl turned the meeting over to John Thompson to conduct the Zoning Map Amendment Hearing for the Cole/Drabinski application on their 36.38 acre parcel located on Macafee Road. They are requesting this parcel be changed from the current Residential Rural zoning designation to Industrial. Dave Young of JHA was present as Senior Project Manager for this application. The parcel is owned by Murray Cole and Leo Drabinski. John introduced the Board and Zoning Officer, Ed Reid, to those in attendance. Testimony was taken by Steno Reporting. The Board recessed the hearing at 7:44 PM for executive session on this matter. The hearing reconvened at 8:13 PM. On motion of Ron, second by George, it passed to continue the hearing until July 30, 2014 at 6:30 PM. Christine voted no.

Chris Wood of Hunt Engineers was present for the final plan approval review of the Seaboard International land development on Progress Lane off King Road. Planning Commission recommends final plan approval. There were 4 deficiencies, but they are taken care of as of tonight. Ed Reid inspected it this afternoon and recommends final plan approval as well. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to grant final plan approval to this land development.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session at 8:28 PM for pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:50 PM. On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to authorize Attorney John Thompson to execute the Stipulation concerning the resolution of the TL Cannon Management appeal.

On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-08 for the receipt of our 2013 Act 13 money allocation. We received \$396,557.68. This will be dispersed as follows: \$75,000 for the purchase of the 1999 Volvo tandem axle dump truck from Girard Township; \$12,000 for 10 tasers for the police department; and the remaining balance of \$309,557.68 to the Capital Reserve fund.

Robin advised the Board that she had revised the current Murphy Road inmate application from tree cutting/chipping to Miller Road bridge work. We will have to submit another application if we want inmates for the Murphy Road project. Robin checked with Randy and he said we should ask for them August 18th through

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August 29th. On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to submit the application for that time period.

Discussion was held on whether or not to paint the blue truck from Girard Township red to match the other township trucks. On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to leave the truck blue and to have it lettered for Athens Township.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to get tailgate spreader and wing plow prices for the blue truck for our July 30th meeting.

Discussion was held as to the replacement of the grader. Susan will get a spec from Randy for a new grader and will get prices for our July 30th meeting, if possible. Robin will get the info on our current grader to Susan so she can see what trade-in value we might get.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to bid out for sale the track loader, two rollers, and the old 1988 Mack Truck 4 (with the box and radio equipment removed) – all AS IS, and to require all winning bidders remove the vehicles within 20 days.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to sponsor the Bradford County Sanitation Committee's Growing Greener application for reimbursement, and to have Cheryl sign the paperwork.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to pay the \$100 application fee for the Parks Marcellus Legacy grant, and to take that out of the Parks fund. Robin has asked Matt Williams from Northern Tier Regional Planning to get her the agency name that the check should be made out to, and will advise Ruth when she hears.

Discussion was again held as to whether or not we should close the "No Winter Maintenance" portion of Murray Creek Road. John had talked to our Municipal Services rep, Greg Dibble, about this. The road has to be drivable at 15 mph in order to receive Liquid Fuels funding. Robin asked if we are just closing this for the winter, or if we are abandoning it. Discussion was held. John said Greg told him if we abandon it, we would have to provide a cul-de-sac at the end. Ron said there is one. Christine said if we're going to abandon it, we should invite the landowners to let them know of our intentions, and to get their input. John will take a trip out

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there with Eddie to see the layout, and then we'll discuss this again at our meeting on the 30th. Eddie will print maps for the Board with the property owners on the road. John also wants to make sure this action won't land-lock a parcel.

Discussion was held as to whether or not we should post our road weight limits so they can be enforced. No action was taken at this time.

Eddie asked the Board to consider making the highway department responsible for the driveway permits. He explained the process to the Board. The Board will give this some thought and discuss it further on July 30th.

Cheryl said Linda Warner had called her to talk about the Endless Mountain Visitors Bureau situation.

Robin had given everyone a set of handouts from a class Ed, Clif and Ron attended at the convention about constructing and financing new municipal facilities. Ron asked everyone to look at his and they will discuss this further at a future time.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to sign the Sayre Health Care Center, LLC decision from the Conditional Use Hearing held on June 4, 2014.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to have Ed Reid order himself a new desk chair and to pay for this from the office maintenance account.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to have Ed sign up for the MS4 Stormwater webinar at a cost of \$30. John Thompson will also attend.

Eddie will be having a conference call about our floodplain ordinance and should have a final draft distributed to everyone prior to our July 30th meeting so we can approve John to advertise it for adoption.

Eddie was approved to attend 2 classes in Emmitsburg, MD this year, but he asked permission to push them off until 2015. The Board is okay with this.

There being no further business, on motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,