

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Budget Workshop 6 PM October 15, 2014

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Supervisors also present were Ronald Reagan, George Ballenstedt and Susan Seck. Secretary Robin Smith and Treasurer Ruth Casterline were also in attendance.

Voice of the Residents: None

Christine had left a note for Robin to add a comment she made at the last meeting regarding the fire company. Robin thought it would be easier to add it to these minutes. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to include Christine's comment from the October 1, 2014 meeting, stating she has an application to join the fire company and will get her application to Keith.

Ron Reagan said he would attend the ribbon cutting for Chumpy's on October 28th at 11 AM.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to have Robin order 3 truckloads of salt for the salt barn.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to send Ruth to the Quickbooks class on November 14th in Towanda. There is no fee for this class.

Robin advised the Board that she contacted DCED to close out the IDP grant for Road C. She received a letter dated October 7, 2014 stating we have 90 days from the date of the letter to submit an audit of this grant. They will not accept our Annual Financial Audit or the Single Audit. She has contacted Rich Davis of EFP Rotenberg to get a proposal for the completion of this audit.

Ed had left a HOP application from Aqua PA on Robin's desk asking the Board for direction. Aqua's application states they are requesting to close Clinton Street for the installation of water service to the new Applebee's. The dates they include are October 20 – 24th. Ed is okay with the closure if it's only one day, but they appear to be asking to close the road for the week. Discussion was held. Robin will have Cindy call Aqua tomorrow to get clarification on this.

Cindy had also asked that the Board be reminded that the CNG station on Elmira Street is required to have a "fully approved land development plan" (including the Dandy Mini Mart portion of the land development) within 3 years. This deadline will be May 30, 2015.

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Ron passed out copies of the fire company contract and discussion was held as to whether or not the Board would like to implement a fire tax instead of a 'contribution'. No decision was made. (Christine Vough arrived) Ron said item #8 in the fire company contract requires the fire company to "have an audit made of the Fire Company's account books prior to the payment of the subsequent years disbursements..." Discussion was held. Robin was directed to draft a letter to the fire company advising them of this, and the entire Board will sign the letter.

The budget workshop commenced. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to pay off the Sinking Fund loan with funds in that account, and to leave the remaining funds in that account for now.

No date was set for the next budget workshop because we don't know where we are with the union contracts as far as what needs to be budgeted for 2015.

Ron advised the Board that Tobacco World was required to have their land development done by August 12, 2014. Ed gave them an extension through November 12, 2014. Nothing has been received yet. Ed will not allow any more extensions. Discussion was held. Ron will get with John Thompson on this.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session at 7:30 PM. The Treasurer and Secretary were excused at this time. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:58 PM.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Secretary