

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

January 28, 2015 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. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also present.

Voice of the Residents:

Danny Stark of Clinton Street asked what the status was of the traffic study to remove the "No Turn On Red" at the Lowe's signal. Robin said Larry had just completed it and will have Elaine do a cover letter for it tomorrow so she can send it out.

Treasurer Ruth Casterline had presented her written report to the Supervisors. Item 4 was concerning authorized signatures on the bank accounts. Currently they are Ruth, Robin and Ron. On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to have the same 3 as signatories on the bank accounts, and to require one signature on the checks, but require two signatures on the Road C and Liquid Fuels checks.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to have Ruth open a separate bank account for the Round Top Expansion Project.

Discussion was held as to the franchise fee for Empire Access. On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to table any action on this until our next meeting.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to ratify the payment of the bills since the last meeting, and to pay the invoices as presented tonight.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it passed to give Eddie and Cindy a clothing allowance of \$250 each. Christine voted no.

Cheryl presented employee appreciation plaque and gift to both Chief Larry Hurley (30 years) and Sergeant James Shaw (25 years) in recognition of their service to Athens Township.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks Commission. Hang gliding will start this summer from a site just west of the airfield. The Veteran's Memorial has been turned over to the Parks Commission. They also donated \$27,000 to the Round Top Park Expansion Project. The Commission also received a \$5,000 donation to this project from Land O'Lakes. Ron Reagan was able to sponsor the Land O'Lakes

grant as he is a milk supplier for them. They are very appreciative of both these generous donations. The Commission will also be applying for additional grants. They intend to start the site clearing for the expansion in February. They would like to request some inmates to help with this. On motion of Cheryl, second by Christine, it was unanimous to sign the application for the inmates. Ralph Blowers of Front Street, East Athens, said if we get inmates, we'll need to get an outhouse. That won't be necessary because we have facilities in the park already. He also asked if we would be moving the eternal flame and we will not. Richard will ask the fire company to take the star down. They will also be installing more fencing at the Jim King Memorial Park sometime this summer.

No one was present from Athens Township Authority.

Ron presented the Paul Baird 2-lot subdivision on Tutelow Creek Road for review. We are still waiting for the sewage module. Planning Commission recommends preliminary and final plan approval upon receipt of the module. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval contingent upon receipt of the sewage module.

Next was Five Star Equipment, Inc. final plan approval on their land development located at 711 State Route 199. Planning Commission recommends approval upon correction of the parking spaces. A letter from Tim Higley, Sales Manager of the PA stores, stated they will have the spaces relined to 10' x 20' by May 1, 2015. Robin said there is only one as-built map, so we will need 7 additional copies. On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to grant final plan approval to this land development, contingent upon resolution of these 2 deficiencies.

Ron presented the Annual Reports from both Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of December 17, 2014 and January 5, 2015 as written.

Robin presented information on two classes for the Public Works Department. These will be reviewed by the Board for our February meeting.

On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to reappoint Drs. Bruce Carpenter and Kenneth Meyer to the Spalding Memorial Library Board as the representatives from Athens Township.

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On motion of Ron, second by George it was unanimous to have Cheryl sign the tower lease for Robert Packer Hospital.

On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to sign the CDL testing contract with American Drug and Alcohol Diagnostics, LLC and to pay their consulting fee for 2015 of \$200.

Robin received the Certificate of Origin for the new grader late this afternoon.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to accept the monthly reports as presented. Eddie included an Annual Report that compared permits for 2013 and 2014.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Danny Stark of Clinton Street asked about the status of the request for a street light at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and West Lockhart Street. The Board advised him that the people making the request also stated there were street lights at every other intersection between Elmira Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, and there are none. No action was taken.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session at 7:52 PM for personnel and litigation. The secretary was excused at this time and the remaining minutes were taken by Ronald Reagan. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:09 PM.

On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to have John Thompson draft a letter to Bradco concerning the truck issues.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve Chief Hurley's Memorandum of Understanding for the year 2015.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to authorize John to send a letter to Mike Austin advising him he needs to file for a Conditional Use hearing for the old proposed Simonds gravel mine in Wildwood.

The fire company had requested to meet with the Board concerning their contract. The Board will have them come on February 2, 2015 at 6 PM. They will then see Andy Harding at 7 PM for the proposed building expansion.

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There being no further business, on motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Secretary