

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
April 29, 2015 7 PM

Vice Chairman Ronald Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, George Ballenstedt and Christine Vough. Cheryl Wood-Walter was absent. Solicitor John Thompson, Secretary Robin Smith and Treasurer Ruth Casterline were also in attendance.

Vice Chairman Reagan called for the opening of the bids, which were as follows:

Type AS2 antiskid – 8000 tons delivered to township yard as needed

Porter's Sand and Gravel	\$ 9.98/ton (no bid security provided)
Dalrymple Gravel	\$17.75/ton (no bid security provided)
Glenn O. Hawbaker	\$24.22/ton

Discussion was held. The Board was concerned because there was such a huge price difference. On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to reject all bids and rebid the antiskid for our May 27, 2015 meeting.

Crushing – 8000 cy, portable crusher & loader w/operators in our gravel pit
2-1/2" minus OR 1-3/4" minus

Always Ready Crushed Stone, Inc.	\$4.88/cy	\$5.25/cy
Villager Construction	\$3.95/cy	\$4.75/cy
Marcus Cole Construction	\$3.73/cy	\$3.73/cy
Daggett Sand and Gravel	\$3.45/cy	\$3.63/cy

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to award the bid to Daggett Sand and Gravel.

Voice of the Residents:

Terry Sheets was present from Bradco Supply in response to a letter from our attorney to clear up issues with our new Volvo truck. He said the company started the warranty when the truck was delivered to Bradco, so we lost 5-months of the warranty while Bradco installed the box. The billing issues were discussed and were resolved with the township to give them the used part and they will void the invoice. John Thompson will take a look at these issues again. Susan will call about the gear box and radio issues tomorrow. On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to return the part to Bradco in exchange for the invoice being voided.

Ron introduced Susan to those in attendance as our new Public Works Director.

Carol Carey was present from Clinton Street concerning the garbage issues she brought to the Board's attention last month. She asked for an update. Ron read Ed's summary from his Building Permits report. Ron said Ed is on top of Clinton Street.

John Carlin of Clinton Street said they have picked up garbage in the field across from Applebee's. They find a lot of the handi-wipes from Applebee's and also found a list of employee hours, so some of the trash IS coming from Applebee's. Carol confronted the manager on Monday and he did not deny it was their product. Ron Reagan said it's a little unfair to Applebee's because a lot of it could be their patrons who just throw the trash on the ground. Ron will talk to Eddie.

Dan Stark said Applebee's should have their crew clean up their grounds every morning before they open for business.

Carol Carey said Mr. Williams need to clean up his property as well.

George advised everyone that the VASCAR lines have been placed on Clinton Street. Danny Stark said he heard the courts allow 15 mph +/- differential on the actual speed clocked with a VASCAR unit, because there is so much room for error with these units. George will check on that. He said local police can't use radar in PA.

Meade Murtland reported for the Parks Commission. They opened the bids for the hardwood from the park project at their meeting on April 27th. They received one bid, which was from Andrew Solock in the amount of \$500. They recommend accepting the bid, as they want to move forward with the project. John Thompson was fine with allowing additional time for the removal of the wood if the weather did not cooperate. He said the bidder knows we expect it to be gone in 30 days, but John was not opposed to a short extension because of the weather. On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to accept the bid from Mr. Solock. Several grant applications are still in the works. The park project is moving along on schedule. The commission will take up the issue of smoking in the township parks at their next meeting. Park inspection went well, with just a few items to be taken care of. The park will open for the season on May 9th.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have Ruth attend the COSTARS training on May 15th at Northern Tier Regional Planning. On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the payment of the invoice for the Zoning Office shirts. On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the payment of the monthly

bills as presented. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

No one was present to report for Athens Township Authority.

Al Floro of Nixon Peabody LLP was present for the Verizon Wireless cell tower land development near Murray Creek Road. He explained the project to the Board. Last night Zoning Hearing Board granted a Special Exception and a Variance with the condition that they coordinate with the helicopter services concerning the safety of the tower with no light. Susan suggested they install a light on the tower for safety purposes, as it is only 5 feet under the height at which a light is required. Mr. Floro explained that if the helicopters are concerned about the safety without a light, Verizon will install a light on the tower. The project should be complete in late 2015 or early 2016. All deficiencies have been met. Planning Commission recommends preliminary and final plan approval. On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval to this land development contingent upon receipt of written confirmation that a light is not necessary, OR that lighting has been installed if the helicopters feel lighting is appropriate.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to grant Five Star Equipment a one-week extension to complete the striping of their parking lot.

On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to ratify the rental of the Volvo roller from Highway Equipment for 6 months at \$3000/month. Highway Equipment had the lowest of 5 quotes. Susan made the Board aware that she is putting 3 grant applications in for roadwork to the Bradford County Commissioner's Act 13 grant program. The Board also just conducted road inspection this past Saturday.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it passed to approve the minutes of March 25, 2015 as written. George abstained as he was not in attendance.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to ratify RESOLUTION 2015-04 designating Cheryl as signatory for the Round Top Park Expansion Phase II grant.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to ratify the placement of the burning ban in Athens Township effective April 13, 2015. Ron reminded those in attendance that the ban is still in place, and will be until further notice.

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On motion of George, second by Ron, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the dispatching contract with the County for 2015.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the time extension and the Supplemental Agreement for the Thomas Avenue bridge project.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to permanently waive the fee for the annual Arts Fest zoning permit.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the agreement with Kuharchik for traffic signal service. This is not an exclusive agreement, and we will still be able to use Bouille if we need to.

Ron brought up the possibility of starting a Township Facebook page. George said he thought we could better engage our residents through something like this. Danny Stark said Sayre and Athens police both have their own pages. George will talk to Larry about the PD doing one as well. On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to look into the guidelines for this and move forward.

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Vice Chairman Reagan took the Board into executive session at 8:43 PM for personnel. The secretary was excused at this time and the remaining minutes were taken by George Ballenstedt. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:52 PM.

On motion of Susan, second by Christine, it was unanimous to request inmates to help with roadwork during the year as needed.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith, Secretary