

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
October 6, 2015 6 PM Budget Workshop

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

Robin said she had forgotten to put the motion to pay the monthly bills on the agenda last week, so we need to do that tonight. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to pay the monthly bills as presented at the September 30, 2015 meeting.

Also, when the DeVoe subdivision was approved at the September 30th meeting, the Component 1 sewage module was not submitted for approval. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute this module.

The Board commenced with the budget workshop. Fire Chief Bob Birks and David DeKay were present for the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company. They presented their proposed 2016 budget, and are requesting an increase in their funding, as they have been at \$93,100 for several years. David said they would like to be increased to \$95,000. The budget was reviewed and the Board thanked them for coming.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to move \$30,000 from 438.100 (Highway Maintenance Labor) to 432.200 (Snow and Ice Materials) in the State Liquid Fuels Fund for 2015.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to purchase 2 wing plows from Watson Diesel as per their quote of \$21,094 for the Volvo and \$19,542 for the Mack installed; off COSTARS contract 025-176 (State Sale Vendor #406145); and paid for out of our fourth Act 13 check.

Ron asked Susan if she will be looking for part-time help this summer, and she said no, as we can always ask for inmates if we need extra help. The Board also asked Susan to get prices on mowers for our next budget meeting, and prices on snowfence for our October 14th meeting.

Discussion returned to increased funding for the fire company. It was suggested to take them to the \$95,000 from \$93,100. Robin suggested taking them to \$100,000. Ron said when they initially came to request Act 13 funds, they had requested \$47,000 and we gave them \$30,000. He suggests giving them the additional \$17,000 they had originally requested. On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to give the fire company the additional \$17,000 from the fourth Act 13 check, with a caveat that they do not put this on their tower loan, but use it to help cover their \$20,000 budget deficit for 2016, and to release the funds after January 1, 2016.

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The next budget meeting was set for Tuesday, October 20th at 6 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Secretary