

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

January 27, 2016 7:00 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, Christine Vough, George Ballenstedt and Ronald Reagan. Secretary Robin Smith and Treasurer Ruth Casterline were also in attendance. Attorney John Thompson was unable to attend. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

Cheryl asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Township Supervisor, Maurice Fay, who passed away this past weekend.

Chief Larry Hurley was here with Letters of Commendation for the three officers who were involved in the solving of the recent armed robbery at the Dandy Mini Mart on White Wagon Road. He presented Sergeant James Shaw, Officer Thomas VanFleet, Jr. and Officer Richard Horton each with a letter and thanked them, and the entire department, for their dedication and exemplary work on a daily basis.

Voice of the Residents: none

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to pay the monthly invoices as presented. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to ratify Chief Larry Hurley's Memorandum of Understanding for 2016 as executed on January 4, 2016.

Scot Saggiomo presented the Cal-Far Energy Two, Inc. two-lot subdivision on the corner of Sunnyfield/Farr/Mile Lane for review. All deficiencies have been met, and Planning Commission recommends preliminary and final plan approval. On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval to this subdivision, and to execute the sewage paperwork (non-building waivers).

Dave Steinfelt was present for the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company. He said they have been very busy lately. Eight members went to the "Active Shooters" class this month. Bingo is going well, George and Christine help when they can. They are presently doing a raffle as a fundraiser – tickets are \$25 each. Richard Bean thanked the fire company for all their help with the Round Top Star.

Richard Bean was present for the Parks and Recreation Commission. They have several Eagle projects in the works. The oak is in for the construction of the picnic tables. The off-road club attended the Parks meeting this month and they will be doing some work on the trails as well as putting up some new signage. We received word from Senator Yaw's office that DCNR has awarded us \$200,000 towards the Round Top Park Expansion Project. We have hired Skip Schneider of CEI Engineering as our engineer for this Phase (II) and will be meeting with Skip and the grant writer on Thursday. We also received our \$40,000 reimbursement from Phase I. We need to hire a gatekeeper for Round Top as our faithful gatekeeper, Maurice Fay, has passed away. Richard has written a job description and the salary was set as \$20/day during normal days and \$15 during winter months when there is snow on the ground for cross country skiing. He added that Cathy Eccker will take over as scrap metal caretaker since Maurice had previously taken care of that as well. The Park Commission will be coming up with guidelines for race events (5Ks, bike races, etc.) held in Round Top Park.

No one was present from Athens Township Authority.

Susan requested permission to bid out materials for 2016. She is looking to bid stone, petroleum products, crack fill, tar and chip, asphalt, pipes, concrete blocks, salt and crushing, and is also requesting to bid out the lease of a roller for 12-months. Discussion was held as to what needs to be bid and what needs to be quoted. Susan will get with Robin to start the process. Robin had given Susan an email she received from Mark Burgess advising they have Jersey barriers for sale for \$75 each. Susan has a call in to Mark about those. The Bradford County Conservation office is giving us a ditch shaper that will attach to the backhoe. She also presented 2 quotes for a small roller they could use for patching potholes and shoulder work. The one in Binghamton has a price of \$5500, but is 'negotiable'. Discussion was held. On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have Susan go look at the roller and to purchase it if it is in good shape, not to exceed \$5500, and to be paid for from Act 13 funds.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to let the bids for crushing, salt, fuel and a 12-month roller lease for the February meeting.

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On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to allow Robin to attend her PSATS Resolutions Committee meeting in Harrisburg on March 1, 2016 (PSATS pays hotel, mileage and meals).

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have John Thompson advise Chesapeake that a bond will be required for Road B prior to our acceptance of the road, with the bond amount to be determined. Robin also advised the Board that Charlie Boggs had requested that the Chesapeake's unused developer's escrow funds be released. Ron will have Ed send a letter stating all invoices have been paid and the funds may be released. He will request the letter be ready for the February 3rd meeting.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015, January 4 and January 19, 2016 as written.

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.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session at 8 PM for pending litigation. Robin stayed for the session. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:35 PM.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to have Robin send a letter to PennDOT concerning an issue on Elmira Street.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Secretary

