

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

June 29, 2016 7 PM

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

Voice of the Residents:

John Englebort of Nichols, NY farms the fields behind Masco. He said there are 2 sluice pipes under Road C that are washing out his field. There is no ditch on that side of the road. Cheryl said we will look it over and see what we can come up with as far as a fix.

No one was present for the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company as they were out on an alarm.

Cheryl said she discovered that the PA tourism map has our area listed as “Upstate PA”, which includes counties down through Schuylkill County. There is no description for this region – not Endless Mountains, not Poconos. She would like to draft a letter from the Board to our representatives regarding this generic label. Ron thinks we should start with Bradford County – they wanted to do our tourism. Cheryl will draft a letter on our letterhead, and she thinks our Chambers would be interested to know this, too.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Zack Smith is building 6 picnic tables and placing a sign at the gate parking lot showing the trail to the pond (as his Eagle Scout project). Spencer DeKay will be installing a flag pole for the American flag at Tozer’s Landing. Jeff Gao has completed building 6 picnic tables. Kamren Curtis will be building a trail from the new parking lot to the new picnic area. He presented his project and the Park Commission approved it. We have just received the ‘go-ahead’ from DCNR for the Round Top Park Expansion Project Phase II. On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to ratify the construction contract with Insinger Excavating for this project. Richard asked the solicitor what the status of the Mustang Carrier’s complaint was. John said he has a complaint prepared but wanted to get approval from the Board before he filed it. Ron said the Board made a motion to “sue” on May 25th. John will file the complaint. Jenny Wagner will be at the next Parks meeting to discuss tobacco use in our parks. The Parks Commission will be putting the trailer they purchased with the ATV out for bid.

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The loan proposals were reviewed at this time. Ron would like to see us hire an engineering firm to tell us what to do with all our roads and how much it will cost. He said we have dirt roads where we have made deep ditches and the water runs down the middle of the road. George likes the road survey idea. Cheryl said we need to do that. Ron said we've never had it done. We could possibly hire out some of the work. Discussion was held. On motion of Christine, second by Ron, it was unanimous to go with First Citizens Community Bank Option 1 to only be used as matching funds for the DCNR grant for Round Top Park for an amount up to \$250,000; and to pay the costs and expenses of the issuance.

The Joann Souder subdivision on Braddock Road had been recommended for approval by Planning Commission with contingencies. Since this action by Planning Commission started the 90-day clock in motion, and the contingencies have not been met, action needs to be taken on this subdivision. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to disapprove this subdivision.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the payment of the monthly bills. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer. Ruth had spoken with Paychex regarding direct deposit and they need Cheryl to sign the service agreement. They can be available tomorrow or Friday for this. Ruth made arrangements with Cheryl to come in and sign tomorrow.

Susan reported that the road crew has been busy grading roads and doing dust control.

Robin advised the Board that Naglee Moving & Storage, Inc. of Elmira would be moving our files to the Enterprise Center for a cost of \$693.00 on July 5th.

On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to approve Norton Lane as the name for the new private drive off Meadowlark Drive.

On motion of Susan, second by Ron, it was unanimous to have George attend the August 8th seminar on "Front Desk Safety and Security" in Binghamton at a cost of \$149.00.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have Cheryl sign the letter to Gutelius.

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On motion of Christine, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to have Robin run an ad for recycling back-up attendants.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of May 25th and June 15, 2016 as written.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it passed to approve the minutes of June 16, 2016, with Ron and Christine abstaining as they were not in attendance.

Robin presented the junkyard inspection reports from Ed Reid. They will be reviewed later.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session at 8:10 PM for pending litigation. The secretary was excused and the remaining minutes were taken by George Ballenstedt. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:06 PM.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to have Attorney Thompson send a letter to Suttys regarding the nice job on Mile Lane and need to remove junk vehicles on Braddock Road.

Additional motions are regular business.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to accept the Teledair proposal to upgrade the township camera system in the amount of \$7949.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it passed to have John Thompson send a letter to Mike Austin to get funds in escrow for Wildwood Road road inspection/analysis. Christine voted no.

On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to have John Thompson generate a Hold Harmless form for potential township volunteers.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,