

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

September 28, 2016 7 PM

Vice Chairman Ronald Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Supervisors also present were Christine Vough and George Ballenstedt. Susan Seck was on vacation and Cheryl Wood-Walter was absent. Solicitor John Thompson, Secretary Robin Smith and Treasurer Ruth Casterline were also in attendance. George Ballenstedt led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The bids for 8000 tons Type AS-2 antiskid delivered to the township yard as needed were opened and were as follows:

FS Lopke	\$22.50/ton
Hanson Aggregates	\$24.90/ton
Glenn O Hawbaker	\$22.22/ton

Discussion was held. On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to table the bids until our October 4, 2016 budget workshop.

Voice of the Residents: None

David Steinfelt reported for the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company. He presented their budget for 2017, and noted that they are requesting an increase of \$2,900 to their yearly contribution from the township. He said their equipment is getting older and they are seeing increased truck maintenance. Dave said they will be having a chicken barbecue from 11 – 2 on Saturday at C & N Bank on Elmira Street. They will also be hosting their first ever Sportsman’s Night at the firehall on October 8th. Tickets are still available.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Insinger has started work on Phase II of the Round Top Park Expansion project. The pavilion has been delivered and is ready for the concrete floor to be poured. The play area needs to have 16 trees removed and a tree removed from the new lower parking lot. Insinger has given us a price of \$3,000. No news from Mustang Carriers concerning the \$3,000 for the damage to the Tozer’s Landing sign. Our solicitor will take further action once the 30-day appeal timeframe has expired. Meade will be purchasing grass carp for the pond to help keep it clean. Richard met with Tri-County Electric concerning the electrical power to the lower level. Richard said we may have a change order pending on Phase II. Insinger said they did not bid pressure-treated lumber for the docks. Our engineer is working with the solicitor on this as it could cost another \$3,200. Last Saturday a tree came down across the road by the front gate. They have worked on their budget. Leprino Foods sent 3 volunteers up to Round Top to clear trails. We will be getting inmates October 17th for a couple weeks. Game

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Time is giving us a grant for \$12,000 towards the new playground equipment we are purchasing from them.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2016-11, to participate in Young Lungs At Play in our parks.

On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the agreement with Tri-County Electric to supply electricity to Phase II of the Round Top Expansion project.

Clif Cheeks presented the Gerald J./Judy A. Stack 2-lot subdivision at 1422 Ridge Road for review and approval. There were 5 minor deficiencies, which were all taken care of except the sewer module. The revised maps show that the perc site for the sewer is no longer on the property. Robin said she thought we had an ordinance requiring the septic system to be located on the lot it served. Discussion was held. On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval to this subdivision contingent upon clarification of the septic requirement ordinance and approval and execution of the sewer module.

On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to reappoint Clifton Cheeks to the Planning Commission for a term to expire October 30, 2020.

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

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to release the unused escrow funds of the Walmart Supercenter back to Walmart in the amount of \$2,811.12.

On motion of Christine, second by Ron, it was unanimous to set Trick-Or-Treat night for 2016 as October 31st from 6 – 8 PM.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to adopt ORDINANCE 2016-01 increasing the indebtedness of Athens Township by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$250,000 through First Citizens Bank.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to submit our ballot to PSATS in favor of Michael Keller as Trustee.

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On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to scrap the old township Cub Cadet mower that we replaced with the new zero-turn mower from Northeast ATV.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of August 31st and September 20, 2016 as written.

On motion of Ron, second by George, 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 7:45 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The secretary was excused at this time and the remaining minutes were taken by Ron Reagan. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:57 PM.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to have John Thompson send Zito Media a letter to keep poles out of our right-of-ways and provide notice of need for franchise agreement.

On motion of George, second by Ron, it was unanimous to have John Thompson sever the lease with Clarity Connect and look to renegotiate the lease.

On motion of Christine, second by Ron, it was unanimous to waive the fee for signs at Shaw's office.

On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to hire Mark Hawthorne and Michael Correll as recycling substitutes at minimum wage effective as soon as they complete their necessary paperwork for payroll.

On motion of George, second by Ron, it was unanimous to have Cindy send an enforcement notice to Chris Sutton.

There being no further business, on motion of George, second by Ron, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,