

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
October 26, 2016 7 PM

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

The opening of the bids commenced at this time and were as follows:

8000 Tons +/- Type AS-2 anti-skid, delivered as needed to township yard

FS Lopke Contracting	\$20.20/ton	(\$161,600)
Glenn O Hawbaker	\$22.22/ton	(\$177,760)

2006 Ford F-250 pickup truck – as is:

Doug Tappan	\$ 601
Ralph Blowers	\$1,500
Nick Ball	\$3,780

John Thompson had not yet arrived, so no action could be taken until he has reviewed the bids.

Voice of the Residents:

Ralph Blowers said something needs to be done about the police bathroom being vented into the shop garage. Robin advised him that Jim Good of Mountain Lake Electric has been in to look at this and has ordered what he will need to vent this to the outside.

No one was present for the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company. Robin reminded everyone that their Ham and Turkey Party is scheduled for November 5th, with the doors opening at 6 PM. Cheryl would like to see a committee formed to plan the lighting of the star event this year, consisting of a few residents, some members of the fire company and the supervisors. Richard Bean said Meade Murtland and BarryBrosnan will get the star up to the park the last day of hunting season.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks and Recreation Commission. He said Insinger Excavation is working on Phase II of the Round Top Park Expansion project. The pavilion posts have been installed and the concrete pad has been poured. Barry and Richard removed about 18 trees for the playground equipment. This week Insinger is planning to install the pavilion. The playground equipment has been ordered. We have been told by our engineer, Insinger, and a member of our highway department that we have the wrong material down for road base if you are going to tar and chip it. We will have to take up 4” of base and replace it. We also want to change from tar and chip to a concrete pad for the handicap parking. This will be \$15,800 more

for the base and \$8,400 for the concrete. Susan said it wasn't anyone in our highway department that said the material is wrong. Cheryl asked (regarding this error) if we can go after the responsible party. John said he would need something in writing from both our engineer and Insinger stating that the materials utilized were insufficient for the intended purpose. Richard said when they dig it out, they will put the fill down by Weaver and Bobcat where the highway department 'dumps' their loads. Robin said that if they dig this out and you intend to go after someone for it, you'll need to take lots of pictures to show what was there. Susan said we should get some buckets of the material that can be sampled.

John Thompson said he has the confirmed judgment against Mustang Carriers for the Tozer's Landing sign. Robin said she will need a copy of the judgment for the file. Richard met with the power company and they will be running the electric under the road to the new pavilions at a cost of \$2,400. He also said Insinger did not bid pressure-treated lumber for the docks, so that will be a change order. We did get inmates October 18th for a couple of weeks. They have painted the Veterans Memorial Pavilion, cut brush on the overlooks and built a boardwalk on the trail from the lower parking lot to the new picnic area. We also received a \$5,000 memorial donation for John Minard, which will be used for one of the docks. We have not heard about a grant for Phase III yet. Barry's last day of work for the parks will be November 11th. Round Top will close on November 19th.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, 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 Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to approve the payment of the Daily Review invoice and the Manufacturers & Business Association invoice.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve Ed's PAFPM annual membership, and approve Robin and Ruth's attendance at the Quickbooks payroll class in Towanda on November 4th (\$20 each).

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to release the Spalding Memorial Library funds for 2016.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the advertisement of the proposed budget for adoption at our November 30th meeting. There will be no tax increase.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2016-12 designating Robin Smith as the Agent for the 2016 buyout program.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve the Maintenance Agreement Certification required for the 2016 buyout program.

Robin had received a request to have Athens Township participate in the Hometown Heroes banner project for township veterans. She just received the call today and didn't have time to do much research on it, but she did bring a copy of Sayre's brochure that gives a brief overview of their program. Concerns were raised as to how long they are up, are they replaced when weathered, who pays for them, etc. We will all do some homework on this for our November 30th meeting.

A joint meeting of all township boards was set for January 11, 2017 at 6 PM at the township building so we can all be brought up to speed on what is happening with each board.

Gary Chandler has adopted Murphy Road through our Adopt-A-Township-Road program. He and 8 others did a 3-hour cleanup on October 2nd and collected 10 bags of trash, tires, TVs, a mattress, junk, etc. The Board thanks them and appreciates their efforts!

Trick-or-Treating will be held on Monday, October 31st from 6 – 8 PM.

Ron said we had set apart \$189,000 for matching funds for the park project until the loan was approved, which it now has been. He would like to see that money put into the building fund and use part of it to pave the parking lots here at the building. He also said we have 10 officers, it's hard for the guys to work in the garage – we need to keep moving forward on a new building. No action was taken at this time.

Susan said the guys are getting ready for winter. They're working on roads, filling and widening. They've been working with the state and local road programs. Her goal is to tar and chip the hilly roads next year. Cole Street is patched and they have fixed the lawns. They will be bidding out blacktop for next year to do that. The stormwater tanks at the top of Cole Street have been pumped, as well as the ones at Pine Street. They will be taking the lids off and getting the sediment out. They are also looking into salt brine – and getting prices on materials and equipment to do that. King Road has been striped.

John Thompson reviewed the bids for the truck and the antiskid, and said they were all in order. On motion of Susan, second by Christine, it was unanimous to award the antiskid bid to FS Lopke. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to award the truck bid to Nick Ball.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it passed to approve the minutes of September 28th, with Susan abstaining because she was absent from that meeting; and unanimous on the minutes of October 4, 2016.

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

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Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session at 8 PM. Secretary Robin Smith was excused at 8:20 PM. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:42 PM, and the remaining minutes were taken by Ron Reagan.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to terminate Reuben Page as recycling attendant effective immediately.

ON motion of Susan, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to hire Toby Campbell for public works starting at contract rate subject to drug/alcohol testing and background clearances, with a 1-year probation period.

On motion of Susan, second by Christine, it was unanimous to have Public Works attend seminar at Beeman's for patching material.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Township Secretary