

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

February 22, 2017 7:00 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Supervisors also present were Ronald Reagan, Christine Vough, George Ballenstedt and Susan Seck. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

At this time the bids for fuel (delivered) were opened and were as follows:

WOC Energy	14K diesel: \$1.9195/gal;	11K gal 87 oct: \$1.7912/gal
Mirabito	\$1.8698/gal;	\$1.7944/gal

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to award the diesel bid to Mirabito and the 87 octane bid to WOC Energy.

One bid was received for the purchase of a used dump truck. The bid was from Burr Truck of Vestal and was for a 2005 Volvo in the amount of \$74,995. Discussion was held. On motion of Susan, second by Christine, it passed to accept the bid from Burr Truck without the recapped tires (additional \$2,000) and without trading in the 1999 Mack (for a \$5,000 credit), to be paid for with the \$50,000 set aside in Liquid Fuels and the reassignment of the \$25,000 set aside for a mower in Capital Reserve, both to be repaid. Ron voted no as he was not in favor of purchasing a truck that is so old.

Voice of the Residents:

Bill Cotton, Clark Rogers and Jamie Rosenberger were present with their attorney, Taunya Knolles Rosenbloom to discuss the requirements for a medical marijuana processing facility to possibly be located at 604 Gateway Industrial Park Road. Township Solicitor, John Thompson, said this type of facility is not an accepted use, so it would require a Conditional Use Hearing with the Board of Supervisors. Taunya said the building meets all the criteria for a medical marijuana facility, and it would be all secure inside, highly regulated, and inspected weekly. Inside the building will be both the growth component and processing component. They are looking to market the property as a location for a medical marijuana processing facility and want to make sure they will not be met with a "hostile environment". The facility would create 30 jobs, would be quiet, and would not have a lot of traffic. There would be no trucks or heavy traffic.

Taunya asked John when our next Zoning Ordinance update would be, that would include facilities like this. John said he can't speak to when the next update will be – it's almost been a continuing process. He said it could be in the not-so-

distant future. John said this would require a Conditional Use hearing, and then a decision will be made. He added that he spoke with several individuals and no one expressed any negative feelings about this. He said they watched a webinar on this and state law dictates that this type of facility would require building code inspection. Taunya asked why it would need to be inspected if there were no changes. This is required to determine that the site is prepared for this particular use. Taunya said then code would be involved, they would need a Conditional Use application, what else? John said they would need a land development. Taunya said SALDO, anything else? John said everything was pretty much spelled out in the letter he sent. He was also surprised to hear they took his response as negative, because he felt it was quite congenial. Taunya said she made a courtesy call to find out if the township would accept a facility like this but she didn't receive an answer. She will be making another courtesy call. This is a very extensive application process. They left at this time.

Ron asked if we could get the PSATS webinar (on medical marijuana) again so the whole Board could watch it, and Robin said yes. Ron said there are 6 different regions, and each region only gets 2 grow/process permits. These operations are regulated by the Department of Health, but municipalities can also put regulations on these facilities. In PA these are not considered Agricultural use – they need to be in an Industrial District. He said they will have a master grower and a chemist on-site. Cheryl said this is very unique and is very specific as to what is being treated. Ron added that the grower/processor can't also be a distributor. This product comes in 4 forms: oils, creams, vapors and pills.

The treasurer's report was reviewed at this time. On motion of Susan, second by Cheryl, 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 George, it was unanimous to approve the payment of the Bradford County Sanitation Committee assessment fee in the amount of \$6,345.

Robin presented the Parks and Recreation Committee report. They have given Insinger Excavation until April 3rd (weather permitting) to complete the entire project. If it is not completed, there will a \$200/day penalty. There is an organization considering installing the playground equipment for the new park area. The commission will hold a special meeting on March 7th at 12:30 PM to review the prints for Phase III. They hope to have the whole project completed by

September 1st. The Park Commission voted to pay Insinger for the Phase II work, minus the penalty fee of \$9600 and the 5% retainer. The amount of the check will be \$234,298.96. We have not heard from Mustang Carriers concerning the \$3,000 for the damage to the Tozer's Landing sign. We received the signs from the American Lung Association concerning the smoke-free areas. We need to purchase posts and signs for the designated smoking areas. The park truck is getting body work done and will be ready in 2 weeks. We will be installing the electric power during the month of March. We will be asking for inmates again this year. They are considering asking Barry to come back to work in March if we can get inmates to cut trees, build the panel board for electric service and install the no smoking signs. John Thompson said the loan is finally all approved and he is looking to set up a time next week to have the paperwork signed. On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to have Cheryl sign the paperwork for the Board at the closing.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to reappoint Dr. Bruce Carpenter and Ms. Stacey Sickler to the Spalding Memorial Library Board as representatives for Athens Township.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to have Ed, Robin and Clif attend the Municipal Summit in Wysox on March 22nd, (\$10 fee each) along with any supervisor that wishes to go. Robin will register everyone.

On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to allow Robin to attend her PSATS Resolutions Committee meeting in Enola on March 1st.

Robin asked for direction as to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan amendment that was adopted by motion last month. Discussion was held. It was decided that Robin would contact our actuary, John Vargo, and have him restate the plan document that we will then adopt by ordinance.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve Borton Lawson's request for an extension of the Thomas Avenue Bridge preliminary engineering contract through March 21, 2018.

Robin presented PennDOT's letter concerning the bridge lighting. No meeting will be requested.

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Susan presented her list of road repairs that need to be done. Discussion was held as to how to prioritize the repairs, and that the material amounts need to be determined so they can be bid out. The supervisors decided that they will all do road inspection on their own by our next meeting so they can decide which projects can be done. Susan will get ballpark estimates for our next meeting so we know what we can afford. It was determined that we will participate in the COSTARS salt contract again this year, and will request 1000 tons. We will need to bid DSA for the McKinney Hill Dirt and Gravel Road project, but we need to get the prevailing wage rates. We will need to have the DSA delivered and applied and Susan said it does not need to be PennDOT-certified. Robin will contact Kirsten to find out what positions we need to get prevailing wage for and will get that going. Susan wants to get 6000 T of anti-skid, but is also considering bidding out the crushing of 8000 T of anti-skid from our pit instead, so that will have to be decided before anything can be bid. We will also be bidding out the old dump truck.

On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of January 11th and 25, 2017 as written.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, 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 8:48 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The secretary was excused at this time and the remaining minutes were taken by Ronald Reagan. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:34 PM.

On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to have Cheryl sign the stipulation settlement for the Comfort Inn.

On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to have Cheryl sign the road study agreement in Wildwood so we can schedule the test.

On motion of Susan, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to have Precision Auto Body fix Truck #8 for \$5,671.21.

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On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to hire Brighton Covey as a recycling back-up, as needed, at minimum wage, effective upon the completion and filing of all his employment paperwork.

There being no further business, on motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Athens Township Secretary