

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
June 28, 2017 7 PM

Supervisor Christine Vough called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Supervisors also present were George Ballenstedt and Susan Seck. Cheryl Wood-Walter and Ronald Reagan were absent. Christine led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The paving bids for Cole Street were opened and were as follows:

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| 1) Glenn O. Hawbaker | \$81,395.00 |
| 2) M.R. Dirt | \$85,969.55 |
| 3) Bishop Brothers | \$97,503.00 |

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to accept the bid from Glenn O. Hawbaker, and for the board to come up with \$50,000 toward the cost.

Next were the bids for Round Top Park Phase III, which were as follows:

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| 1) M.R. Dirt | \$219,075 |
| 2) Insinger Excavating | \$223,800 |
| 3) MAC Builders | \$237,500 |

All bids were in order, with the exception of M.R. Dirt, who did not enclose their certificate of insurance. Josh McRoarty of MAC Builders said the bid form required the submission of the insurance certificate. The legal notice was not specific. Attorney Thompson will research and determine if the M.R. Dirt bid must be disqualified. On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder provided that the discrepancy between the bid documents and the legal notice does not invalidate the bid.

Voice of the Residents: None

No one was present from the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Richard Bean reported for the Park Commission. The Valley R/C club will be making their annual report. Penn York Project Grow needs an area for garden plots. Spencer DeKay will be installing the flag pole at Tozer's Landing. The pole and light have been ordered. Insinger Excavation final inspection is scheduled for Thursday. We had weather problems getting the playground equipment installed. The Sayre and the Athens Rotary clubs tried to install the playground on June 17th but the holes were not aligned. Mayo will be putting in the concrete pads. We are waiting for the ground to dry out so that we can install the electric power. The highway department will dig a 200 ft. long, 3-1/2 ft. deep ditch for the electric. Barry and the inmates dug the trenches to the pavilion and the panel board is installed. George is still looking for volunteers to build picnic tables for the two new pavilions. We will open bids on June 28th for Phase III, consisting of a pavilion, composting restroom and a trail from the end of the boardwalk

to the new picnic area. We will be applying for a permit from the Fish Commission to purchase grass carp for the pond at a cost of \$75. Empire franchise was discussed. John will look at this.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to reappoint Cathy Eccker to the Parks Commission for a term to expire July 1, 2022.

On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to pay invoices and ratify payment of payroll #12 and #13 and invoices paid since last regular monthly meeting.

The Pearl Strange 2-lot subdivision located at 63 Strange Lane was presented for review. All deficiencies have been met, with the exception of the carport being moved out of the setback. On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval to this subdivision, contingent upon the carport being moved out of the setback.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to grant the 90-day extension request for Sayre Used Auto Sales.

Attorney Thompson presented the Indemnification Agreement for Phase II of the Williams Toyota land development. The applicant's attorney has reviewed the agreement and has approved. John wants the supervisors to review and approve the agreement. Tim Gourley explained the project, advising that PennDOT requires the township to be the applicant or co-applicant in order to tie into their stormwater system on Elmira Street. On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to approve this when the final agreement is in order, and to sign the PennDOT forms at that time.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to table the camera quote for the garage until our July 26th meeting.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to replace the toilet in the ladies room with a handicap-accessible toilet.

On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to approve the removal of the diseased tree on the front lawn by Mattison's in the amount of \$350.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the tax refund to Bradford Hospitality (Comfort Inn) in the amount of \$2,684.04, and WPAW (Microtel) when the amount is calculated by Ginger Kinner.

The Liquid Fuels audit was completed and there were no findings.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to send a \$50 donation to Stray Haven in memory of Jason Rogers' dad, Richard Siebecker.

Susan said Cole Street will be getting paved. She said it has been so wet it's difficult to get the roadwork done. Christine asked what the deadline for paving was for Cole Street and it is September 30th.

The approval of the minutes was tabled because George had not attended the meeting of May 31st and had to abstain, leaving only 2 supervisors able to vote, which is not a quorum.

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Ed Reid requested permission to attend 3 classes:

- 1) PA Floodplain Managers Annual Meeting Sept 12 - 13 in State College
- 2) PA Construction Codes Academy Advanced Floodplain Mgmt. Concepts Sept 18 - 21 in Malvern, PA
- 3) PEMA Hazardous Weather and Flooding Preparedness on Oct 16 - 17 in Wilkes-Barre

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve his attendance at all 3 classes and to pay reasonable expenses.

Michael McDonnell of JHA Companies asked to speak to the Board regarding the Gateway Commons land development. He said in order for them to draw their quarterly funds they need to have 2 buildings available for rental by August 1st. He presented a letter from Dennis Phelps of Trehab and was requesting Certificate of Occupancies for two of the buildings. Robin said this project was submitted as one project and was not submitted or approved in phases, but as a whole. Susan said she would have real concerns with 2 of the buildings being rented when this would still be a construction site with heavy equipment for the 8 additional buildings and the community building. Paving also would not be complete. Robin asked how this would affect the stormwater plan, and if it would even be legal for us to do what they ask. She added that this would need Code Inspection's approval as well. The project only has preliminary approval and would need final approval before it could be occupied. Discussion continued. John Thompson wants to take a look at the legality of it and discuss it with Eddie as well. No action was taken at this time.

The Board set a special meeting to be held on July 12, 2017 at 7 PM. Robin will advertise the meeting for general purposes.

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Christine took the Board into executive session at 8:50 PM for personnel and pending litigation, and the secretary was excused at that time and the remaining minutes were taken by George Ballenstedt. The regular meeting reconvened at 10 PM.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to hire Lauren Walter as a recycling back-up, contingent on her completion of all necessary paperwork.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to hire Joseph Lane for the DPW highway department, conditioned upon successful passing of background check, drug & alcohol test, and physical exam.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to advertise and schedule July 12, 2017 special supervisor meeting for regular business.

On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to defer to July 12 meeting the Gateway Commons request for Interim Inspection/Certificate of Occupancy for Buildings 1 & 2 pending solicitor review.

On motion of George, second by Susan to defer decision on Williams Toyota Indemnification Request to July 12 meeting, pending review at July 10 Planning Commission meeting.

The meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Township Secretary