

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
July 26, 2017 7:00 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Supervisors also present were Ronald Reagan, George Ballenstedt and Susan Seck. Secretary Robin Smith was also in attendance. Christine Vough and Solicitor John Thompson were absent. Cheryl led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Voice of the Residents:

Susan Loomis of 62 Winslow Street said a new business (ESS) has moved in next to her at 48 Winslow Street and they haven't started a land development. There is a very bad parking situation with this business. She asked why this was allowed, and would like the business to be closed down until they are in compliance. Ron Reagan said what the Zoning Office was told is not what was happening. He has spoken with both Ed and Cindy about this – they have given the business 30 days to get a land development to us. He also said we will no longer be issuing permits when everything is not in order. No more. Susan asked what she does in the mean time? Ron said Ed and Cindy gave them 30 days, and he's not going to make them change their decision now. Susan said she still has problems with Walmart, too. Susan said she will see what her attorney says about ESS.

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

Richard Bean reported for the Parks Commission. Spencer Dekay will be installing the flag pole at Tozer's Landing. The pole and light are in. Insinger has completed Phase II and the final payment has been approved. We have had weather problems getting Playground equipment up. Inmates were not able to remove the dirt from the area today due to the latest rains. The Sayre and Athens Rotary Clubs will be installing the playground equipment. Mayo & Son has completed the handicap pad. With the help of the highway department and the inmates, the electric lines have been installed. Now the electrician can install the panel and Tri-County can hook us up with power. We will be picking up the lumber for the picnic tables next Monday and getting it planed. We still need help building them. Solid Ground Services was awarded Phase III of the Round Top Park Expansion Project and will start as soon as they receive their bond which should be around August 7th. We have not received an answer from our solicitor concerning the Empire franchise payments.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to pay the monthly bills including payrolls #14 and #15 and ratify payments of bills paid since last regular meeting 6/28/17.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have Ruth attend the Fred Pryor Payroll Law 2017 class in Elmira on September 14, 2017.

Ruth has requested a quote from Kai Pan for a new computer dedicated solely for Athens Township's accounting program (Quickbooks).

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Marion Carling was present for Planning Commission, and presented the Tiffany/Brett Merritt 2-lot subdivision at 1102 Macafee Road for review. All deficiencies have been met, and Planning Commission is recommending preliminary and final plan approval. On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval to this subdivision, and to approve, sign and execute the Component II sewage module.

Next was the Williams Toyota Phase II land development. David Adams was present for the applicant. He did not have any updated plans for the project, and nothing showing that deficiencies had all been addressed. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to table this land development until our August 30th meeting.

Planning Commission had sent a letter to the Board stating that their recommendation on the Jeff Paul proposed land development, “based on the Athens Township Zoning Hearing Board’s Decision, did not require a formal land development application”.

Ed had given Robin a Conditional Use application from Richard and Joan Czajkowski for a Senior Personal Care Home proposal at 82-84 Trinity Lane, Athens, PA. The Board set the date of the hearing as September 13, 2017 at 7 PM.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to accept the quote of Teledair in the amount of \$1400 for 4 cameras to be located in the shop garage, and monitored on the police system.

On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to adopt both RESOLUTION 2017-05 adopting an updated Records Retention Schedule, and RESOLUTION 2017-06 as the form to use for disposition.

Robin reminded the Board of two upcoming webinars that we will be viewing here at our building: “It’s Almost Budget Season...Are You Prepared” on August 16th and “Budgeting for Road Maintenance Activities” on August 23rd. Both will be held from noon to 1 PM.

Susan said the highway department is filling potholes, cleaning ditches and doing dust control. She said Hawbakers is coming tomorrow to look at the driveway tie-ins on Cole Street. Cole Street should be done towards the end of August.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of July 19, 2017 as written. The minutes of June 28, 2017 were tabled until next month as there was not a quorum present that was in attendance at that meeting.

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

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Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Ed had given the Junkyard inspection reports to Robin prior to the meeting. They were unable to access Chris Sutton's junkyard on the hill for inspection. On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve all junkyard licenses for 2017/2018.

George asked if it would be possible to get copies of the minutes from Athens Township Authority. Discussion was held. The Board directed Robin to send a letter to ATA asking them to send us copies of their minutes each month.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session at 7:50 PM for personnel. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:23 PM.

On motion of Susan, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to hire Mark Stark, Jr. as a heavy equipment operator per terms of the union contract, contingent upon successful completion of the background check and drug/alcohol testing, and completion of all the necessary employment paperwork.

There being no further business, on motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Secretary