ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

November 8, 2021 5:30 PM Budget Workshop

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Supervisors Kirstie Lake Susan Seck and Alan Burgess were present, as was Solicitor John Thompson, Secretary Michelle Rude, Chief Roger Clink and Treasurer Ruth Casterline. Tressa led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Christine Vough was absent. Supervisor Alan Burgess left at 8:18 pm.

Tressa called for the opening of the Tutelow Creek Culvert project bids. Solicitor John Thompson opened the first bid from SNA construction in the amount of $95,740 and stated that all paperwork seemed to be in order. He then opened the bid from Cole’s Construction in the amount of $24,849 and stated that all paperwork seemed to be in order. Finally, he opened the bid from R.A. Keiper Construction in the amount of $76,584 and stated that all paperwork seemed to be in order. Due to the vast difference in the bid offers, the supervisors and the solicitor deliberated on whether or not there is enough clarity on what is being bid to accept it. Mr. Keiper from R.A. Keiper Construction and Mr. Schmeckenbecher from SNA Construction were able to explain in further detail the contents of their bid, however there was no representative present from Cole’s Construction. Susan suggested and the board ultimately agreed that they should wait on the project and reject the bids. On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to reject all 3 bids on the Tutelow Creek Culvert project.

Tressa called for the Voice of the Residents – None

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to approve the Budget Workshop minutes from 11/3/21.

On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to purchase and post signs on Weaver Rd. for Adopt-A-Highway for Aaron Brotzman.

The decision was made move into the Budget Workshop and address items 3 & 4 of the agenda afterwards. Chief Clink reviewed his budget and suggested areas where changes could be made to accommodate a new hire.

Tressa took the meeting into Executive Session at 7:18 pm and the regular meeting resumed at 7:34 pm.

The budget workshop continued.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to accept the ARP budget allocations as noted.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to reallocate ACT 13 fund previous designations $7,606 from building expansion, $33,750 from Round Top Park grant match, and $5,000 from traffic signals to highway maintenance.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, motion passed to reallocate $60,000 of ACT 13 fund under the township building parking lot to the Pennsylvania Ave. paving.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to advertise the proposed 2022 Budget.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rude Athens Township Secretary