

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
May 29, 2019 6:00 PM

Chairwoman Kirstie Lake called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Supervisors also present were Tressa Heffron, Susan Seck, George Ballenstedt and Christine Vough. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance. Kirstie led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Voice of the Residents: None

Richard Bean reported for the Parks Commission. Emily Chilson completed the Gaga Pit on Round Top for her Girl Scout Silver Award. Mikala Horton will be building picnic tables for her Girl Scout Gold Award. The DCNR payment for Phases II and III is still in question. Robin and Richard had a conference call with our administrator and his supervisor. We do not agree with their numbers. John Thompson will review the documents. Richard said the Spectrum franchise fee payment is not the same as the Time Warner franchise payment – to the tune of about \$15,000. John will send a letter to get clarification on this. They are still working on the plans for the August 10th event on Round Top. Round Top opened on May 11th. We had inmates for 2 weeks. They did a great job! It is an excellent program. The park commission will be purchasing a trail camera to count the vehicles entering Round Top Park. Richard also saw Roberta Blanchard and she would like to turn over ownership of the Junction Canal property to the Park Commission if we pay for the survey and the legal fees.

George reported for the fire company. He said a group of Junior Firefighters are going to Pike County Emergency Management the first week in June for training. He said bingo is down a bit.

On motion of Christine, second by George, it was unanimous to approve the monthly bills, including the annual lease payment for our storage at the Enterprise Center. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

Susan reported that Herrick Avenue has been paved. FEMA is working on a time for a site visit. The guys are grading and pulling ditches. They will be doing dust oil soon.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2019-10, setting the percentages for the third pension plan with C&N Bank.

Elaine has asked to be replaced as the Deputy Right-To-Know Officer for the township. Robin has asked Cindy if she would be interested in doing that and she was agreeable to it. On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to appoint Cynthia Parrish as the Deputy Right-To-Know Officer as replacement for Elaine Daddona.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to send Robin to the UC seminars.

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The Risk Assessment Results for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update were reviewed at this time.

On motion of Tressa, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of April 24th and April 29, 2019 as written.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to accept the monthly reports as presented. There was no Building Permits report (technical difficulties).

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Carol Carey of 237 Clinton Street said it's summer, the kids are out of school, when will there be a police presence on Clinton Street? They bought the electronic (speed) sign. Get it out and use it. She said she never sees Chief. He needs to know about this. She has talked to two officers and has heard nothing back yet. She offered to let them park in her driveway or leave a locked marked car in her side yard. Tressa asked about speed bumps, and Susan said it's every road. Tressa agreed.

John Carlin of Clinton Street said they were told that when Applebee's came in, it wouldn't affect them. He said the intersection at Elmira Street is terribly congested. He is concerned because he said Planning Commission approved a new driveway for Williams Subaru across from Applebee's onto Clinton Street. This will make it worse. Robin said that Planning Commission did not approve the driveway - Planning Commission can only recommend to the Supervisors. This has not come to the Supervisors yet, so there is no approved driveway. Kirstie said she will talk to the police department.

Joe Burns of Weaver Road said the road conditions are very poor in the Round Top area. Round Top Road, Pump Station Hill Road, etc. They get flat tires because there are a lot of sharp rocks. On Round Top Road you are swerving all over to miss potholes. Sutliff Hill Road has a blind knoll - people dodging potholes are getting over in the other lane. Susan said she had the petroleum guys out last week. She said the road(s) need pipes. There is a lot of water under the roads. We are looking at that area. Joe said from Weaver to Round Top you put good material. Susan said we couldn't get that material last year. They've begun stockpiling it for about a week. She said you are on the radar. The weather is not cooperating.

Chairwoman Kirstie took the Board into executive session at 6:45 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:45 PM

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On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to hire Jennifer Trollman as our cleaning person for the building, to work Monday through Friday, 2 hours per day any time the office is closed, at a rate of \$10/hour, contingent upon clearances for criminal background check and fingerprinting, to begin once her employment paperwork has been completed with Ruth.

On motion of Tressa, second by Christine, it was unanimous to enroll the township in Praesidium for background checks at a cost of \$16 per check.

On motion of George, second by Susan, that for the next tax season, we acknowledge the County's lowered assessment for the VA property, effective tax year 2020.

There being no further business, on motion of Tressa, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Athens Township Secretary