

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
October 15, 2019 6 PM Budget Workshop

Chairwoman Kirstie Lake called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Supervisors also present were George Ballenstedt, Christine Vough and Susan Seck. Treasurer Ruth Casterline and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance. Tressa Heffron was absent. Kirstie led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Voice of the Residents:

Dave Steinfelt of Jolley Lane said their street sign(s) and post are missing at the corner of Jolley Lane and Wolcott Hollow Road. Susan will check to see if the post and signs are in the area, or if new signs need to be ordered. Jolley Lane is a private road and would be the responsibility of the residents to purchase, if necessary.

Bryan Farr and Dave Steinfelt of the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company presented their budget to the Board at this time. Their current contribution from the township is \$96,000 annually, and has been at that rate for several years. They are asking for a 'bump' in that to \$102,000. Their proposed company budget for 2020 is \$199,300. The Board thanked them for coming, and for all they do.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to accept the quote from Keystone Communications for a base station and antenna with installation in the meeting room/EOC in the amount of \$2,328.90. This will be paid for by Act 13 funds.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it passed to pay Susan's wages for the time she served on jury duty, and to have her give her daily \$9 stipend from the court to the township. Susan abstained from the vote as this directly involved her.

Ruth presented the 2020 pay schedule for review. On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve this schedule as presented, with the following paydate changes: April 10<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) to April 9<sup>th</sup>; July 3 (Independence Day observed) to July 2<sup>nd</sup>; and January 1, 2020 (New Year's Day) to December 31, 2019.

Roger Clink arrived to present the police department proposed budget. The budget included a new 4WD police vehicle. Discussion was also held as to creating a secure reception area for the police that would be accessed from the call box door.

John Thompson arrived at 7:15 PM. He presented the draft of the Vetter Road easement for the board to review.

John also presented a settlement in the Sayre Valley LLC assessment appeal. On motion of Christine, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to accept the settlement.

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Robin presented a quote from Gannon's for Cyber Insurance to be added to our township policy. On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve the quote in the amount of \$2,202/year, which is with a \$2500 deductible and provides a \$1,000,000 electronic info security limit and \$100,000 security breach limit.

Kirstie will remind Roger that we need a list of SRO/part-timer needs for budget purposes.

The next budget workshop was set for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith  
Athens Township Secretary