

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
October 30, 2019 6 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Kirstie Lake called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, George Ballenstedt, Christine Vough and Tressa Heffron. Secretary Robin Smith was also in attendance. Solicitor John Thompson would be late. Kirstie led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kirstie called for the opening of the bids, which were as follows:

1500 Tons anti-skid delivered to township yard by December 1, 2019

Marcus Cole Construction	\$17.50/Ton
FS Lopke Contracting	\$27.00/Ton
S. Andrulonis Enterprises	\$16.97/Ton
Bristol Excavating	\$19.44/Ton for AS1; \$24.54/Ton for AS2

Vetter Road Stabilization Project

M. R. Dirt	\$110,750
Insinger Excavating	\$179,298
Solid Ground Services	\$150,425

The bids were tabled to await review by Solicitor Thompson for completeness, and would be awarded after he arrives.

Voice of the Residents:

Patty Ingerick of 171 Sharon Ave. was present concerning a water issue on her property. She has had water in her basement twice now since she moved here 3-1/2 years ago. She also had a contractor build a French drain in front of her garage, but that's not working. Susan said that she will check tomorrow because we are supposed to get heavy rain and that would show where the problem is. Susan has plans to call the Valley Joint Sewer to pump our drywells in that area and she will have them do the one in her driveway when they're there.

Betty Jo Morris of 3395 Wilawana Road was present for an update on her water problem. Susan said the township drainage area needs to be cleaned out there and we will be getting to it as soon as the ground dries up. She also said they will look at building Betty Jo's side of the drainage area back up to the height it was prior to the installation of the drywells to help alleviate the overflow into her yard.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks Commission. We received the Phase II payment in the amount of \$43,343. We still have no report from our solicitor concerning the difference from the Time Warner franchise fee worksheet and the Spectrum worksheet. Also we have

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not received any franchise payments for this year! The last payment was in March and was for 2018. Construction of the ATV Trail grant should be completed by the end of the month. The restroom, guiderails, loading ramp and pavilion are complete. The tables have been ordered and should be ready to paint in a couple weeks. The ORV club will be painting them. The overlooks have been cut at a cost of \$6,500. Barry's last day will be November 15th. Round Top will close November 23rd and will be open after deer season for cross country skiing when there is snow on the ground. Their 2020 budget is completed.

George Ballenstedt reported for the fire company. They have done some fire safety promotions for the schools. There will be a Super Bingo in April with a prize of \$10,000!

On motion of Christine, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to release the Spalding Memorial Library funds, as we have received their financial statements for 2018.

The next 4 agenda items were tabled until John Thompson arrives.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the 2020 Bradford County Humane Society contract in the amount of \$1,312.75.

Robin advised the Board that we received an answer On October 9, 2019 to our May, 2018 request to install "Except Local Traffic to Lamoka Road" signs on Mile Lane Road so that tractor trailers would be able to make their deliveries. PennDOT grants us the permission if we purchase the signs. Susan has them ordered.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, it was unanimous to have Robin advertise the proposed 2020 budget for inspection, and for adoption at our December 18th meeting.

On motion of Tressa, second by Susan, it passed to submit a Letter of Intent to DCED for a police consolidation study for the possible combination of the Athens Borough and the Athens Township police departments. Christine asked if they had met with both chiefs on this, and Kirstie said they had. Christine voted no.

Susan Seck reported that we have 'water, water everywhere!'. She is now on her 4th FEMA representative and it is frustrating to keep having to bring each one up-to-speed. The crew is preparing for winter. We have pipes to put in as well.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of September 25th, 28th, and October 22nd, 2019 as written.

On motion of Christine, second by Kirstie, it passed to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019 as written. Tressa abstained as she was absent from that meeting.

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On motion of Tressa, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the monthly bills as presented. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

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

Correspondence/Information was as in the meeting agenda.

Chairwoman Lake took the Board into executive session at 6:55 PM. John Thompson arrived at 7:20 PM. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:02 PM.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to appoint Cheryl Wood-Walter as a Zoning Hearing Board alternate for a term to expire September 9, 2022.

The bids were discussed with John. On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to disqualify the bid of S. Andrulonis Enterprises because of improper bid security, and to award the bid to Marcus Cole Construction for the 1500 Tons antiskid to be delivered to the township yard by December 1, 2019.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to accept the bid of M. R. Dirt for the Vetter Road Stabilization Project.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to accept the recommendation of Conrad Siegal to change the actuarial assumptions for both the Non-Uniform Defined Benefit Plan and the Police Defined Benefit Plan to the SOA Public Sector Table for Safety Workers. We presently use the IRS 2017 Small Combined Table.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to approve the easement for the relocation of a portion of Vetter Road. The Secrists had to leave the meeting prior to John arriving, so John will drop the easement off to Secrists tomorrow for signature and they will get it back to the office by Tuesday.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have John negotiate the lease with Clarity Connect.

On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to have Robin get Diana from Spectrum's contact information to John so he can get our issues resolved as soon as possible.

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On motion of Kirstie, second by George, it was unanimous to have Ruth give Pernell his increase on his 2019 anniversary date, and both Pernell and Dylan will get their next increase on January 1, 2020.

On motion of George, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute Police Chief Roger Clink's MOU for 2020, and to give 3% raises to all non-bargaining unit employees for the year 2020.

On motion of Christine, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to set Ed Reid and Cindy Parrish's clothing allowances for 2020 at \$350 each.

On motion of Christine, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to recommend a clothing allowance of \$500 for the year 2020 for working supervisor, Susan Seck.

There being no further business, on motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Athens Township Secretary