

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
May 20, 2020 6:00 PM Special Meeting

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

Voice of the Residents: None

Chairwoman Lake took the Board into executive session for real estate at 6:02 PM. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:16 PM.

John Amato was present to discuss the possible waiver for electric service to his property off King Road. Discussion was held. Susan does not want to see electric poles in our right-of-way (ROW) as she feels this electric service should be underground. The drawings showed the poles and anchoring very close to the cartway. The poles need to be moved to the very back of our ROW line, which varies in depth from the road. Because of the engineered drainage system for this road, there would be less impact with poles than digging into the drainage areas. On motion of Tressa, second by George, it passed to approve the placement of 3 poles and their anchors as close as possible to the township ROW edge at the private property line(s), with the electric service placed underground on the Amato property. Susan voted no. John will have Penelec mark the new location of the poles and Ed Reid will review the location prior to the pole placement.

Robin advised the Board that the deed had been recorded for the Williams Subaru subdivision on Elmira Street. That was the last piece we needed in order to grant final plan approval. On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to grant final plan approval to this subdivision. Robin will certify the final plan map and get it to the applicant for recording.

The proposed lot line changes for the Wisniewski properties on the Sayre/Athens Township border were reviewed for information only.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kristie, it was unanimous to ratify the weekly renewals of the Disaster Emergency through May 26, 2020.

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to ratify the Proclamation for Graduates Day – June 5, 2020.

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it was unanimous to ratify the sending of the office and DPW employees back to work at the building on May 11, 2020, with the doors to remain locked and no one to enter.

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On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to ratify the opening of the parks on May 16, 2020 with restrictions of the CDC guidelines as well as PA Department of Health and Governor Wolf's reopening plan to be followed.

On motion of George, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to ratify the purchase of the pink dogwood tree as Elaine's retirement gift in the amount of \$269.99.

The union has sent letters to request the start of negotiations for both the police and DPW contracts. The Board directed Robin to draft a letter requesting the union give us a few dates prior to July 1st to choose from.

On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to allow the office employees to take Primary Election Day (June 2, 2020) off if they choose, using their paid time off.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to approve the "Adopt-A-Twp.-Road" application for Camp Little Seed, who chose Murray Creek Road.

On motion of Tressa, second by George, it passed to approve the minutes of April 29, 2020 as written. Christine abstained as she was absent.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairwoman took the Board into executive session for personnel and pending litigation at 6:55 PM. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:56 PM.

On motion of Tressa, second by Christine, it was unanimous to hire Joseph Wait as a full-time Heavy Equipment Operator at \$15/hour upon successful clearances and all paperwork being completed with Ruth.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have John Thompson advertise the Mutual Aid Agreement Ordinance for passage at our June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, it was unanimous to have John Thompson forward the Clarity Connect lease as amended (5-year renewal) with no additional equipment on the tower without our approval.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Susan, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,