

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
October 3, 2021 2 PM Budget Workshop

Supervisor Kirstie Lake called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm. Supervisors Alan Burgess and Christine Vough were present, as was Secretary Michelle Rude and Treasurer Ruth Casterline. Kirstie lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Susan Seck arrived at 2:11 pm and Supervisor Tressa Heffron arrived at 3:30 pm.

Chief Roger Clink presented his 2022 proposed budget for the police department. He asked the board to consider adding an additional full-time and part-time position stating that they didn't replace Elaine's position and it would bring them in around the same budgeted amount they had for 2020. Adding these positions would help cover 72 of the 96 hours that only have one officer on shift. Christine asked Roger why he didn't request 2 full-time positions instead and he stated that he would love to have 2 full-time positions but wasn't sure it would fit into the budget. He asked that the board would consider 2 full-time positions if it would work in the budget and they agreed to consider it. The Board thanked him for coming and reviewing the budget with us.

Athens Volunteer Fire Company representative Eric Benjamin presented the ATVFC proposed budget for 2022. They are requesting a \$5,000 increase for 2022. Eric expressed the need for more volunteers as well and invited the Board to attend their Fire Appreciation event on Saturday. The Board thanked him for coming and reviewing the budget with us.

Voice of the Residents: Ron Reagan of 1175 Sunnyfield Drive addressed the board concerning the quality of "Reagan Rd to Sunnyfield Dr. to Alleyhoot Rd. to Wolcott Hollow Rd." stating that something has to be done with them. He explained that the ditches are too deep, the potholes are back, and there is a spot on the road that drivers can't tell where the road ends and he is concerned someone will flip a vehicle. Susan explained that they are doing the best they can with the money we have and that she will try to address these issues.

Ron Reagan addressed the board concerning the Planning Commission's proposed Ordinance updates. He stated that they would like to get these completed by the end of the year and that they plan on working on the SALDO updates next provided they have enough money. He requested a \$15,000 increase in the 2022 Planning Commission Budget to complete these updates.

Susan Seck didn't have her highway budget figures for review, but will have them for the next meeting. Ruth took us through what parts of the budget we were able to complete with the information that we had.

Michelle presented the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2022. The MMO for the Police Pension Plan is \$106,476.85 and the MMO for the Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan is \$83,736.16. This is a decrease of \$25,631.99 from 2021

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to have Michelle draft and send a letter to ATVFC to request full financial statements including all income, assets, liabilities, and expenses for 2019, 2020, and projected numbers for 2021 to help the Board determine how much they should budget.

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On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to approve the MMO for the Police Pension Plan at \$106,476.85 and the MMO for the Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan at \$83,736.16.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to revisit the Planning Commission's proposed ordinance updates and PSATS 2021 Business Session proposals on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at the next budget workshop.

The next budget workshop is set for October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Michelle will advertise.

There being no further business, on motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Rude  
Athens Township Administrative Secretary