

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
February 23, 2022 5 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Supervisors also present were Kirstie Lake, Christine Vough, Susan Seck and Alan Burgess. Solicitor John Thompson, Secretary Michelle Rude, Ruth Casterline, David Walter, Caleb Anderson, Marion Carling, Roger Cole and Eric Benjamin were also in attendance. Tressa led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tressa called for the opening of the bids for fuel. Solicitor Thompson read as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>11,000 gal 87 Octane</u>	<u>14,000 gal LSD Diesel</u>
WOC Energy	\$2.9958 delivered	\$3.4030 delivered
Mirabito	\$3.0513 delivered	\$3.3903 delivered

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, it was unanimous to award the bid for 87 Octane to WOC Energy.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, it was unanimous to award the bid for LSD Diesel to Mirabito.

Tressa called for the opening of the bids for materials. Solicitor Thompson read as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>DSA</u>	<u>3" Minus</u>	<u>R-8 Stackable</u>	<u>AASHTO</u>
Johnson Quarries				
Township	\$ 9.00	\$ 7.50		
Job-site	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Marcus Cole Const., Inc.				
Township	\$ 6.75	\$ 6.49		
Job-site	\$13.50	\$13.24	\$28.50	\$20.24
Dalrymple Gravel & Const.				
Township	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Job-site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.50

On motion of Alan, second by Susan, it was unanimous to award DSA, 3" Minus, R-8 Stackable and AASHTO bid to Marcus Cole Const., Inc.

Voice of the Residents: None

Richard Bean was present for the Township Parks Committee. He stated that Charter had agreed to a settlement and we should receive payment 30 days after the paperwork is submitted. The loan for the pond stands at \$70,880. The school district has still not been able to walk the Dunkley Hill property. Richard explained that because they were unable to make the time limit, they have refunded the \$5000 to Bradford County Tourism, however they do want them to reapply when they can afford the rest of the project. Cindy is waiting on aerial photos (should have late spring) to complete the updated park brochure. They have decided to wait for warmer weather to have the Junction Canal property surveyed. The replacement Park Truck has been purchased but still needs lettering and an inspection. The committee will be leaving the star up until April 17th. They now have a Facebook page thanks to Cindy. They have scheduled a Sunrise Run on Aug 6th at Round Top. Richard asked Michelle to check with Gannon and see if they would need additional insurance. He also asked John if they needed to advertise a meeting if they were just brainstorming ideas for the run and John told him no, as long as no business decisions were being made. Richard and Meade Murtland attended the Grant Workshop in Towanda on Friday the 18th and got a lot of good information. He mentioned to the board that there was a recording available on YouTube and he would be willing to email it to them if they were interested. The Committee is looking for a landscape architect to develop the 9 acres on Tozers Landing. Some ideas are pickle ball courts, trails, possibly playground equipment stations, exercise area, kayak storage rack, composting toilet and shuffle board. Park inspection will be at Tozer's Landing at 9:00 AM on April 2nd and Barry will start April 4th. Round Top Park will open May 7th. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 28th.

Marion Carling presented the Sayre Assisted Living Facility (Sayre Healthcare, LLC.) on Keefer Lane. Planning Commission recommends final plan approval contingent upon them providing NOT approval for NPDES permit when it is available. On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, it was unanimous to grant final plan approval contingent upon them providing NOT approval for NPDES permit when it is available. The applicant's agent agreed that the screening of the dumpster with a gate would be provided as per the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Fire Fighter Eric Benjamin explained to the board that he has included a more detailed financial report with the normal fire report and will continue to do so provided the board would like to see it. The board agreed. Eric stated that the department would like to know why they received \$10,000 less from the township this year than the previous year. Tressa explained that we had to make several department cuts to meet the Township's need and that is wasn't personal towards the Fire Department. Eric stated that he understood and that everyone is having a rough time financially. He then discussed an issue with equipment that the Fire Department was having due to cost of repairs but assured the board that wouldn't impact their ability to service the community. He asked if there would be any excess Act 13 funds available this year and Tressa explained that we wouldn't have those numbers until mid-year. He then went on to invite the board to their meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Kirstie asked how things were going with the department and Eric stated that they were busy and in need of volunteers, not just for the trucks but planning their fundraisers, etc. Their first Chicken BBQ of the season will be on March 19th.

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On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to ratify the decision to bid for fuel in February.

The board reviewed the proposed Zoning Fee Schedule rate changes and agreed to take it home and review more in depth and revisit in March's meeting. Marion inviting the members to attend the next Planning Commission meeting on March 7th at 7 pm to discuss.

Alan offered to come in and look at the blown heater in Michelle's office and see if we could fix it internally.

On motion of Alan, second by Tressa, motion passed to accept the settlement for the Charter Franchise Agreement contingent upon Solicitor Thompson's approval.

On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to pay the \$49 fee for the PSATS "Duties of a Zoning Hearing Board" webinar on 3/15/22 so that Bill Bresser may attend.

On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to pay the \$30 fee for the PSATS "State Police and Municipal Truck Fleets" webinar on 3/2/22 for Susan, John and anyone else interested to attend.

Susan updated the board on road projects.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to pay the monthly bills as submitted. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to approve the minutes of January 26 as written.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, it was unanimous to accept the monthly reports as submitted.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairwoman Heffron took the Board into executive session at 7:06 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:54 PM.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to add contract with Kuharchik Construction to the agenda.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to renew the contract with Kuharchik Construction (traffic signals) for 2022 keeping the rates the same for preventative maintenance and increasing the technician, test equipment & tools rate from \$110/hr. to \$127/hr. as written.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to add Ordinance 2022-01 to the agenda.

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On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to pass Ordinance 2022-01 changing Township Recreation Board to Township Parks Committee and reducing the number of members from 7 to 5.

There being no further business, on motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Rude
Athens Township Administrative Secretary