

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
June 6, 2023 5:30 PM Regular Meeting

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Supervisors also present were Kirstie Lake, Christine Vough, & Bonnie Petruschak. Solicitor John Thompson, Ruth Casterline, and Chuck Wright were also in attendance. Supervisor Alan Burgess and secretary Michelle Rude were absent. Tressa lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Clink was present for a portion of the executive session.

Voice of the Residents: Tessa Spears, Athens Township EMC addressed the board regarding reaching out to the residents to identify those that may need additional assistance during an emergency. They discussed sending a mailing but weren't sure the best approach to take. Tessa will look into additional options and revisit.

Chairwoman Heffron took the board into executive session for personnel and pending litigation at 5:36 pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:35 pm.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Bonnie, motion passed to purchase a CASE 580 SN WT Tractor Loader Backhoe SN NPC782280 through Pennsylvania State Contract Cooperative Purchasing Program (a.k.a. COSTARS) for \$135,995.00. This motion also stipulates that the board request Warner Tractor and Equipment Inc. be the delivering CASE dealer.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Bonnie, motion passed to authorize Township Supervisor, Tressa, Heffron, to execute all necessary purchase, lease and/or finance documents to fund up to a maximum price of \$135,995.00 for the purchase of a CASE 580 SN WT Tractor Loader Backhoe SN NPC782280. This motion also stipulates that the term must not exceed five years, the rate must not exceed 7% APR, and that Township Supervisor Tressa Heffron has the flexibility to choose any financial institution with equivalent or more favorable terms and conditions.

The supervisors have decided to table the Enterprise Lease discussion for the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Parks will evaluate their pavilion rental rates for 2024.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to approve the PennDOT estimate for the Thomas Ave. Bridge work to begin.

Chuck discussed road issues/solutions with the board.

On motion of Tressa, second by Bonnie, motion passed to add the following items to the agenda: authorize Chief Clink to sign the paper work for the new police vehicle, authorize Chief Clink to hire a full-time officer, ratify the burn ban through the end of day Monday, and approve pothole patching to be done by Chilson Paving, LLC.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Kristine, motion passed to authorize Chief Clink to sign the paperwork for the purchase of the new police vehicle (approved in May's meeting) along with Tressa Heffron (2 signatures needed).

On motion of Kirstie, second by Christine, motion passed to authorize Chief Clink to move forward with hiring a replacement full-time officer for the police department.

On motion of Tressa, second by Bonnie, motion passed to ratify the burn ban from 6/6/23 through the end of day 6/12/23.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Tressa, motion passed to approve Chuck hiring L&D Chilson Paving, LLC. to patch potholes for \$2200 from general fund account 438.45.

There being no further business, on motion of Tressa, second by Bonnie, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirstie Lake  
Athens Township Vice Chairwoman