ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

November 26, 2024 6PM Special Meeting & Budget Workshop

Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the budget workshop & special meeting to order at 6:03PM. Supervisors also present were Ronald Reagan, Bonnie Petruschak, and Matthew Moore; absent was Cori Lasco. Treasurer Ruth Casterline and Secretary Meagan Carling were also in attendance, along with Superintendent of Public Works Garret Stocks and Jon Waltenburg representing the Road Crew.

"Sirens for Santa" Program was revisited; discussion was continued regarding amount the Township donated in previous years – none in 2023 and possibly \$500 in 2022 but Ruth will confirm. Residents Rosemary Firestine and Nancy Whitt raised questions regarding what charitable contributions the Township was allowed to make; TABLED until the next meeting for the Solicitor to be present for comment.

On motion of Ron, seconded by Matt; motion passed to approve payment of the \$100 fee for submittal of the application for two Township vehicles consideration for the Local Share Account – Statewide Grant by 11/30/24.

Personnel – to be discussed in Executive Session.

With no further meeting items to discuss, the Board shifted into the budget workshop at 6:17PM.

Representatives from the Fire Company and Police Department were not in attendance.

The Parks Commission was able to get one quote for review on approximate cost to repair the Round Top Park Rotary Pavilion (7 & 8); this was added to the Parks proposed budget figures for further review.

The Public Works Department led discussion with materials figures and equipment needs, leading into road repair plans / options:

- Erin Road method for repairs will depend on results from core samples
- Hillcrest Drive repairs would need drainage work first
- Braddock Rd., Sutliff Hill Rd., Weaver Rd., Highland Dr., Pump Station Hill Rd repair methods and possible order discussed
- Round Top Park roads and Round Top Rd. (short section) noted to keep on radar to possibly combine with others

Ruth provided information for what account options could be considered for these plans / options (General, Act 13, Liquid Fuels, Capital Reserve).

Additional information / attendance by Superintendent of PW Garret Stocks and Chief Clink requested for the next budget workshop & special meeting on December 5th, 2024 at 6PM.

No further budget items to present or discuss.

Chairwoman Heffron took the Board into Executive Session at 9:56PM for personnel. The special meeting reconvened at 10:53PM.

There being no further business, on motion of Bonnie, seconded by Matt; it was unanimous to adjourn the special meeting at 10:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meagan Carling Athens Township Secretary