

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
May 25th, 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 (left early @ 5:53 pm) and secretary Michelle Rude were also present. Tressa led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance then called for the opening of the bids for the Pennsylvania Ave./Lilley Ave. paving project. Two sealed bids were submitted. Solicitor John Thompson opened both bid packets, reviewed documentation, and found everything to be in order. The bids were as follows:

Bishop Brother's Construction Inc.:	\$483,879.85
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.:	\$378,239.70

After discussion amongst the supervisors as to where the funds would be allocated from, Christine motioned to accept the bid from Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. for \$378,239.70. and Alan second it. Motion passed to accept the bid and pay for it using ACT 13 and ARP Funds.

Voice of the Residents:

Deb Buck of 213 Roosevelt Street asked the board if there was a start date for the repairs being done to her road. Susan told her that we would be discussing a proposal from Vestal Asphalt and, once a decision was made, hoped to start as soon as possible. Deb then asked if Roosevelt Rd. would be birmed and how much it would cost. Tressa told her it would depend on which crew members worked on it but it would be their salary for the time it took and the cost of fuel. Deb asked why it needed to be done if the residents didn't want it and Pernell told her that is was to keep water away from the roadway and for uniformity but it should only impact a few inches of sod in some areas.

Bud Rosh of 4608 Mile Lane Road presented a handout to the board members expressing his concern with sewage and diesel fuel draining onto his property and into his irrigation system impacting his ability to farm his land. He showed the board the sewage on his muck boots as well as a jar full of the water. He suspects that the drainage is coming from the apartment buildings. He has been trying to get it resolved for the past three weeks and included a list of every person he contacted. He stated that he was told a week and a half ago it was taken care of, however the water sample he presented was taken today and was clearly not clean. After much discussion, John Thompson was asked write a letter on behalf of the township to resolve this issue. John stated that he would do that as well as reach out to Mr. Rosh's contacts for more information. Mr. Rosh stated that he wouldn't be farming the land until this was resolved as his farm is organic and this impacts the quality of his crops. Tressa told him she was sorry he was dealing with this and thanked him for bringing it to the attention of the board.

Richard Bean was present for the Township Parks Committee. He stated the loan for the pond stands at \$35,000 and by this time next year should it should be paid in full. The school district has still not been able to walk the Dunkley Hill property. Cindy is waiting on aerial photos (should have late spring) to complete the updated park brochure. There are some concerns with the Junction Canal property that they want addressed prior to having it surveyed. Richard asked John to draft a letter to the owner stating what needs to be done before they are comfortable having it surveyed. They will meet on June 2nd to

discuss the trail run. The committee is asking Trowbridge Wolf from Ithaca to send them a quote to do a master plan for the development of the 9 acres on Tozers Landing. They are hoping to do improvements in sections over the next few years. Richard asked when the road crew would be oiling the roads inside the park and Pernell stated that the oil wouldn't stay but that he would put salt down to keep the dust down. Richard requested a grant from the County Commissioners for \$22,000 from the Act 13 Community Development and Recreation Fund to do the overlook. They are working on scrapping the old park truck. John stated that if the amount received is under \$1000, they are free to scrap it without advertising. They replaced the flags at the Veteran's Memorial (the VFW donated the 12 small flags). Their next meeting will be on June 27th.

Dave Steinfelt from the ATVFC asked if there were any questions for him. Tressa asked how the Chicken BBQ fundraisers were going and he stated that they had to cancel this month's due to the increased cost but that they were looking at options and may need to increase their rates in future sales. With no further questions, he left.

Chairwoman Heffron took the Board into executive session at 5:56 PM for personnel and pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:13 PM.

On motion of Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to add the following items to the agenda:

- 1) Athens graduation road closure request
- 2) 27th Annual Tioga/Bradford Equipment Show
- 3) Bond renewal for Michelle
- 4) Eddie's continuing education for ASFPM
- 5) Resolution 2022-08 allocating ARPA

On motion of Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to allow Athens Area School District to close Pennsylvania Ave. from W. Pine Street to W. Frederick Street on June 10th, 2022 from 5:30 pm until the completion of the commencement ceremonies. In the event of inclement weather, they will move graduation to June 11th at 1 pm.

On motion of Alan, second by Christine, motion passed to allow the road crew to attend 27th Annual Tioga/Bradford Equipment Show on June 30th from 9 am to 1 pm, provided they are not too busy.

On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to pay \$2445.00 to renew the bond for Michelle Rude.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to pay \$80 for Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc. continuing education credits for Edmund Reid.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to approve RESOLUTION 2022-08 allocating ARPA funding to the provision of government services.

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On motion of Alan, second by Tressa, motion passed to add the Vestal Asphalt Proposal to the agenda.

On motion of Alan, second by Susan, motion passed to accept the proposal from Vestal Asphalt to split the cost to do a slurry finish to repair the work on the following roads: Herrick Ave., Clinton St., Vista Dr., Roosevelt St., Washington St., and Joy St. (partial). The township responsibility is \$45,093.09 to be paid from Liquid Fuels funds.

On motion of Tressa, second by Kirstie, motion passed to approve the meeting minutes for April 12, 2022. Susan and Alan abstained.

On motion of Tressa, second by Alan, motion passed to approve the meeting minutes for April 27, 2022.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to approve the proposed renaming options for Harlan Rowe and Lynch Bustin's bus loop road.

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

On motion of Alan, second by Kirstie, motion passed to add the purchase of a laser transit for the public works department to the agenda.

On motion of Kirstie, second by Alan, motion passed to purchase a laser transit for \$1153 for the highway department from United Equipment Rentals using highway equipment funds.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

There being no further business, on motion of Susan second by Kirstie, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rude
Athens Township Administrative Secretary