

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
July 29, 2015 7 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, George Ballenstedt and Ronald Reagan. Christine Vough was absent. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Voice of the Residents:

Joe Sindoni of Airport Seniors was present representing the 100+ residents of Airport Seniors Community and Chelsea Park. On December 10th, a double-wide caught fire at 49 Cessna St. in the Airport Seniors Park. The fire company had to run hose 3/10 of a mile for water. They had to be assisted by tankers because there was not a hydrant close enough. The tankers took 20 minutes to get there. They are requesting another hydrant be installed on Cole Street 'between' the two parks. Discussion was held. Robin will get with Bob and the water company to see what will be needed to add a hydrant, and at what location.

Dave Steinfelt was present for the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company with a letter requesting Act 13 funds in the amount of \$47,131.92, which is the total of 12 payments on the ladder truck purchased due to the impact of the natural gas industry and development it has brought to our area. They intend to pay this lump sum to the bank against the ladder truck loan. The fire company has felt the direct impact of the gas industry both in time and finances, and respectfully request Impact Fee funds for this purpose. No action was taken.

Dave Steinfelt also advised the Board that Chief Bob Birks has set up a meeting to revise our ISO rating again, which would result in better insurance rates for township residents. He also reminded the Board that ATVFC is hosting a 'get together' for Bill Campbell on August 1st at 6 PM. Bill will be relocating to Ohio and is a Charter Member of the fire company with 40 years of service.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to approve payment of the monthly bills as presented. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks and Recreation Commission. He is having issues with the project not staying on budget, change orders and mistakes. The Board would like Richard to get with John Thompson and send a letter to Haas. Stephanie Bump gave a presentation to the Park Commission on Geocache. They have 2 caches in the park now and would like to put more there. They need someone to draft a drawing and a Bill of Materials for the picnic tables for the new pavilions. Meade is working on this. They will also need a place to build them this winter. They will be installing more fencing at the Jim King Memorial Park this fall. They applied for a Bradford County Impact Fee Grant. They need larger "Closed at Sunset" signs for the park. Discussion was also held on "Do Not Enter" signs to keep traffic in a one-way direction around the circle at the top of the park. They are also purchasing the old ATV from the police department. Discussion was held concerning the transfer of funds from the Park account for this to the police department. On July 7, 2015, Richard had given written authorization for \$5000 to be transferred to the police for this. The title is in the name of "Athens Township", so this will be an internal transaction. Cheryl said an invoice will not be required for this, and made a motion that Ruth

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transfer \$5000 from the Parks account to a revenue line item (newly created, if necessary) in the Capital Purchase account for "Police". This was seconded by Ron and was unanimous.

Clif Cheeks presented the Chesapeake Land Development Company 4-lot subdivision off King Lane for final plan approval. There are no deficiencies. On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to grant final plan approval to this subdivision.

Next were Chesapeake Athens Office Complex Phases 2 – 5, and the Chesapeake Gravel Laydown Yard land developments. All were presented for final approval and there were no deficiencies. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to grant final approval to these land developments.

Clif presented the Industrial Electronics land development off Bobcat Road for final plan approval. There were no deficiencies. On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to grant final plan approval to this land development.

On motion of George, second by Ron, it was unanimous to authorize Cheryl to sign the sewage postcard mailer for the Gateway Commons land development. Dave Young took the module with him. The date of September 16, 2015 at 6 PM was set for the Gateway Commons Conditional Use Hearing. Dave Young asked if the waivers can be taken care of at this hearing and John Thompson said that needs to wait until the land development process.

On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to appoint Jason Rogers to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission for a term to expire October 30, 2018.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to set the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan update as September 30, 2015 at 7 PM.

No one was present for Athens Township Authority. Their annual financial report and financials are here for review, if anyone is interested.

Susan Seck said she had received a request for 2 "Watch Children" signs for 205 Meadowlark Drive. On motion of Susan, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to purchase and install these signs. Susan had also received a request for a "Yield" sign at Highland Drive and Weaver Road. On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have Chief Hurley do a study to determine if the intersection needs "Yield" or "Stop" signs, and to have John Thompson draft an ordinance for the signs when determined.

Susan said they have been looking for a chassis to put our box on (from the old Mack) and found a used one at Watson Diesel. It's an older Sterling truck, automatic with 32K miles on it. Ron asked if we can still get parts for it and Susan said they tell her yes. She said they will go over the whole truck and replace anything that needs it – and will give us a 1-year warranty. On motion of Susan, second by George, it passed to let bids for a used chassis that will fit our box. Ron voted no.

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On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to ratify the repair of the shop yard fence by Bestway Fence in the amount of \$1750.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to approve the private drive name of "Rustyc Lane" for the Cockcroft property off Route 220.

Junkyard inspections have been completed and approved, and license renewals are out for payment.

George presented the quote for car computers and printers for the police cars in the amount of \$29,202. The police department is requesting Act 13 funds for these. Sayre has implemented them and George said they are already seeing savings. On motion of George, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve the purchase these with Act 13 funds.

Robin was approached by Robyn D'Anna concerning the possibility of a buyout for 1488 Wildwood Road. This would be through a CDGB grant and not through PEMA. Robyn says there would be no funds required from the township. The Board asked Robin to get more information on this from Robyn.

On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to accept the quote from Mattison's Bucket Service for the removal of the maple tree at the corner of the shop by the gate in the amount of \$425.

On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to have Robin advertise for back-up recycling attendants.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of June 24th and July 15th, 2015 as written.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to send Ed Reid to the PAFPM Annual Meeting in September.

On motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to accept the monthly reports as presented.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Dan Stark commented that the Lowe's signal was still confusing people. There is a 'stop here on red' sign and a 'right turn signal' sign. People wait for the right turn arrow instead of turning right on red. Robin will call Matt Swartz at PennDOT to see what can be done about this.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session for personnel and pending litigation at 8:21 PM and the secretary was excused. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:15 PM, at which time the meeting adjourned (no motion) and no action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,