

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
October 28, 2015 7 PM

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

Voice of the Residents: None

The Treasurer's report was reviewed by the Board. John Thompson said the invoice from Robert Benjamin Realty was dated incorrectly as March 8, 2012. He will get a corrected invoice for us so this can be paid. On motion of George, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to pay the annual invoice from Manufacturer & Business Association. On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to pay the monthly bills as presented. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

Chief Bob Birks reported for the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company. He said they will be having an open house at the Herrick Avenue station on November 8<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in becoming part of the auxiliary. He said they have been doing fire prevention in the schools and also helped with one for Athens Borough. Cheryl would like the auxiliary open house to be put on our township Facebook page. George will do that. The Ham and Turkey party will be Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Bean reported for the Parks and Recreation Commission. They are waiting to hear about the Phase II grant from DCNR. Two Eagle Scout projects are in the works: Zack Smith will be building 6 picnic tables and Spencer DeKay will be installing a flag pole for the American flag at Tozer's Landing. MR Dirt has completed his work for Phase I, which was inspected and a punch list was created. It was suggested to leave the new pavilion its natural color instead of painting it red. Larry Green is building the new star for Round Top. We have received approximately \$2400 in donations. We will ask the fire company to put the star up on December 13<sup>th</sup> and have Mr. Green light it up at 5:30 that night. Cheryl is arranging refreshments and carolers/Reflections for our Lighting of the Star event, which will be held at the township building on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Barry put a new roof on the small pavilion down by the pond. They are also going to start replacing the guard rail with the color and type that was installed in the new area. Barry's last day for the parks will be November 13<sup>th</sup>. Round Top will close for the season November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ron presented the six-lot subdivision of the Joan Macafee property at 27633 Route 220. The proposed subdivision consists of 2 lots in the Rural Center district, 2 lots in the Industrial district, 1 lot in the Commercial district, and 1 lot in the Agricultural. Chris Gilbert advised the Board that Mrs. Macafee will be selling the corn flats to the Archeological Conservancy, and it will be a non-building lot. Public sewer is not available at this time, so they are proposing holding tanks on the Commercial and Industrial lots for sale. There are 4 deficiencies:

- 1) Signature of surveyor that the pins have been set (upon final plan approval)
- 2) Need setbacks corrected on the Cover Page and detail sheets to 25 on the west end of Lot 6 and to 25 on the west end of Lot 3.
- 3) Need sewage plan approval from Bradford County Sanitation and PA DEP
- 4) Need a letter from the Archeological Conservancy that they will maintain the easement from State Route 220.

Ron said the sewage issues need to be resolved. They are concerned that if holding tanks go in, they will be allowed to keep them and not hook on to public sewer when it becomes available again. They did allow Seaboard to do this temporarily but this could be a more permanent thing. Ron thinks the lots should be 'perked' (percolated). If we allow the holding tanks, can we make them hook on to the sewer? John Thompson would like to have some time to look at this. Ron said the way the law reads, they can only have one lot that is not 'perked' and they are proposing two. On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to table this subdivision until our November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting so John can research the issues.

No one attended to report for Athens Township Authority.

On motion of Susan, second by George, it passed to have the three doors repaired to the red barn in the shop yard. Christine abstained because she wanted to see the building before she makes a decision.

Ron brought information back from the COG meeting on flagger training that would be held in Wyalusing on November 10<sup>th</sup>. He asked Susan if she wanted to send anyone to this. She would like to send at least 3 people, and would like to go herself. On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to have Susan determine who should go, and she will register them. She said they will also need some signs, like "Slow" and "Stop".

On motion of Susan, second by George, it was unanimous to approve the private drive name of "Pops Dream Lane" off Orange Hill Road on the Donald Parks Estate property.

Discussion was held on the minutes. Ron would like a change made to Page Two of the October 14, 2015 minutes – Item #5. The draft reads: "Additional buffering and screening will be needed between the operation and the residences". He would like it to reflect the transcript language for Item #5: "Additional buffering and screening will be needed between the operation and the 4 immediately adjacent residences, consisting of full-grown evergreen hedge to be at full height within five years". On motion of Cheryl, second by Ron, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of October 14<sup>th</sup> with the change listed above, and to approve the minutes of September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and October 20, 2015 as written.

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

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda. Robin will leave the key to the zoning car in George's box so he will have it for the parade. The Friends of King Road submitted their trash collection report from October 26<sup>th</sup>. They collected 5 bags of trash, a tire, a bed frame, and 2 bags of recyclables.

Discussion was held on the purchase of the car computers for the Police Department. Robin advised the Board that the direct purchase price was cheaper than the COSTARS price. She spoke

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with Larry concerning this, and he called the supplier to get clarification. Larry had the supplier speak with Robin directly. He advised that it was because of the amount of paperwork involved with the COSTARS quote and that was the reason. The difference between the two is \$1,501. The cost of advertising could bring down the difference quite a bit, depending on bids received and whether we have to advertise once or twice. On motion of George, second by Christine, it was unanimous to go with the COSTARS quote and to increase the Act 13 funding for these computers to the amount of the COSTARS quote.

Cheryl took the Board into executive session for pending litigation 7:53 PM. The secretary was excused and the remaining minutes were taken by Ron Reagan. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:39 PM.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to have John Thompson advertise an ordinance to rescind the ordinance that established the Northern Bradford Authority.

There being no further business, on motion of Cheryl, second by George, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith  
Secretary