

## ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

July 27, 2016 7:00 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, George Ballenstedt, and Christine Vough. Ronald Reagan was absent. Solicitor John Thompson, Secretary Robin Smith and Treasurer Ruth Casterline were also in attendance. Cheryl led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Voice of the Residents: None

No one was present from the Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Cheryl said PennDOT has the signs up for the 220/199/Wolcott Hollow Road project and will be starting. She asked the press to remind everyone to pay close attention when driving in that area because the traffic patterns will be changing.

The Treasurer's report was moved to the end of the meeting as Ruth requested an executive session.

Richard Bean was out of town and unable to be here, but he gave his Park Commission report to Robin to present to the Board. The Eagle Scout projects are moving along, and Jeff Gao's is complete. Insinger Excavating is planning to start Phase II of the Round Top Park Expansion Project next week. The required bonds were hand-delivered to Robin on Monday. They are hoping for a November 24<sup>th</sup> completion date. The court date of August 15<sup>th</sup> for the Mustang Carrier suit has been continued. Jenny Wagner, coordinator for Young Lungs At Play, gave the Parks Commission a Power Point presentation concerning the dangers of second hand smoke and why we should make our parks smokeless. The Commission then decided to make our parks smokeless in 2017. Information packets were given to the Board. The Board will review for our August meeting. The utility trailer needed to be put out to bid, but when Robin priced the legal notice, it was \$150 to run – which is almost half of what they're asking for the trailer (\$350). Robin pulled Resolution 2013-09 which describes our policy for the disposal of property under \$1000. This requires approval from the Chairman. Richard has requested we use a "Flash Ad" in the Morning Times. On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have Robin run a "Flash Ad" for the sale of the trailer. They will be purchasing grass carp in September for the park pond to help keep the pond clean.

Susan gave her road report. The guys have been busy grading, ditching and widening some of the roads (Shepard Road, Round Top Road and Pennsylvania Avenue). They have done some tar and chipping and are starting to prepare for

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winter. Cheryl told Susan that Aaron Brotzman had called about washboarding on Weaver Road. He said they did a good job, but it's starting to washboard now.

Robin presented the revised security camera bid from Teledair. Christine asked if the office and the police department will be on separate systems, and they will. On motion of George, second by Susan, it was unanimous to accept the revised bid for the security camera upgrade project in the amount of \$9,999.99.

On motion of Christine, second by Susan, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2016-08 to participate in the County's 'umbrella' bridge inspection program.

On motion of George, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2016-09 adopting the revised Western Bradford COG by-laws.

On motion of George, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve the June 29, 2016 minutes as written.

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

George advised the Board that the old police vehicle is up getting all the equipment transferred into the new vehicle, which should be here soon. He said Denny, Tom and Jason will be attending a SWAT class in October. Sayre is sending officers as well. He also said Larry wants to buy 3 tactical vests with removable plates that will cost about \$15,000. He said he has a Walmart grant and will use PBA money, but is still about \$5,000 short. Larry would like the Board to approve \$5,000 from the Act 13 money. The board will discuss this again at the August 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

George also said since we're going to be in this building for a while, he would like to see us invest in a ceiling projector and screen with some of our Act 13 money. He will get information on that for our next meeting.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Chairman Wood-Walter took the Board into executive session for personnel and litigation at 7:26 PM. The secretary was excused at this time and the remaining minutes were taken by George Ballenstedt. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:13 PM.

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

On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to have John Thompson prepare a response to the PUC letter option 1 regarding the First Energy/Penelec rate increase.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Christine, it was unanimous to hire Edward Solomon as a backup recycling attendant upon receipt of all his necessary paperwork at a rate of \$7.25/hour. The Board is also in agreement to allow "Mark", disabled 22 year old, to submit an application for backup recycling attendant.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Susan, it was unanimous to allow John Thompson to respond as appropriate to July 1, 2016 Gutelius lawsuit naming Athens Township as a defendant regarding the Road C issue.

On motion of George, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to have John Thompson file "Lis Pendens" for the Glenn Aikens violation of Zoning Hearing Board Variance Approval regarding his Lake Macham property.

Action to research old loans on borrowing base? Ruth/Robin. What are the small loans. Are they still active.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith  
Secretary