

Athens Township Authority  
June 16, 2025

Meade Murtland called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members also present were Doug Williams and Bill Steimel, Todd Johnson. Julie Lewis, Secretary along with Joshua Cassidy were also present.

Citizens - John & Debra Northrup. John stated that they tore down 2 of their rentals and took them off line. He had capped and buried his line and Josh Cassidy took swing measurements. Then Josh told him he would have to have a cleanout above ground 3-5 feet above ground. So they are here to find out why so high and to see if there is something else they can do. Julie told them that the information that Josh received was incorrect, that there is not a height requirement, only that the clean out has to be above ground and accessible. They were ok with that.

Minutes – Meade Murtland asked for a motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025 There was a motion by William Steimel seconded by Todd Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

Financial – June bills totaled \$106,009.26. There was a motion by Doug Williams seconded by Todd Johnson accept and pay the bills that total of \$163,543.54. Motion was unanimous. Julie presented a second set of bills that had come in on June 16<sup>th</sup> that were due by July 1<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$1,902.16. She asked if they could also be approved to be paid as well. There was a motion by Doug Williams seconded by Bill Steimel, the vote was unanimous. \*\* Note\*\* After typing the minutes, it was discovered that the bills actually totaled \$106,309.26. That amount will be amended at the July 21, 2025 meeting.

Aqua Pennsylvania	\$ 182.88
Austin's Excavating	\$ 325.00
C & N Bank - Credit Card	\$ 1,188.99
C& N Bank - Bank Service Charge	\$ 12.50
Cassidy Sewer Service	\$ 6,460.00
Eastern Managed Print	\$ 36.45
Empire Access	\$ 32.50
Gannon Associates, Inc.	\$ 4,668.00
Kinsley Group, Inc.	\$ 2,726.37
Link Computer Company	\$ 645.23
Niemiec, Smith & Pellingier	\$ 28.92
PA One Call	\$ 2.00
Patton's Plumbing	\$ 3,300.00

Penelec	\$ 1,296.52
Pitney Bowes	\$ 204.00
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	\$ 38.23
Roto-Rooter	\$ 625.00
South Waverly Borough	\$ 6,920.71
Valley Joint Sewer Authority	\$ 76,821.98
Valley Joint Sewer Authority	\$ 700.00
W.B. Mason	\$ 93.98
	\$ 106,309.26

Additional Bills to be paid	
Patton's Plumbing	\$ 855.00
Penelec	\$ 956.93
Valley Energy	\$ 90.23
	\$ 1,902.16

Delinquent list – Went over the delinquent list. The list total presented to the authority was \$10,391.75. Only 1 person has paid on their account since the packet went out. 2 have a lien on their home, due to having wells and not Aqua. It is down from last month. Bill stated that the list looks like most are only one billing cycle behind. Julie stated there is one account that she sent a 30-day notice to and that will go to a 10 day soon. One of the delinquent residents just recently just passed away. She wasn't sure how that account was going to go.

MAINTENANCE – Josh stated that the panel was replaced at pump station 5 and the new winch was installed at pump station 6 that was stolen. He stated that he went to that station with Craig a few months back and while they were there, Craig asked where the winch was and that's when it was discovered it was stolen. Josh said that there was a time that he went to the pump station and the chain was missing. He said that he hadn't noticed because that station has Gorman Rupp pumps and a muffin monster so the pumps haven't needed to be pulled there. Meade stated he has a friend that fixes control panels down to the component level and will get his card to Julie so that she can get it to Josh. Josh could reach out to him and have a conversation to see if he feels that his services could be utilized. Meade asked Josh how the lawnmower was working. Josh stated that it may need to be replaced in the next year. It has had maintenance and is still running rough. He also said that the weed trimmer doesn't work and needs to be replaced. Meade asked if we had an account with Tom's Hardware. Julie is going to look into it and if not open an account with them since we no longer have Horn's True Value. Julie asked Josh where these items are stored in the winter and he stated he stores them in his shed. She made the suggestion that they could be stored in the shed that is empty for the winter to free up his shed over the winter. Josh stated

that there was a clog over on Wilawana Rd. Homeowners had called Roto-Rooter because their drains wouldn't go down. They went through the lines at the residence and their lines were clean. So, they called Josh and he opened up the manhole, it was full. He called Austin's to come pump out the manhole and called Valley Joint Sewer to jet the line while Austin's was pumping so that it didn't create a backup into resident's homes.

LEGAL – None

Other Business –With the theft of the winch, brings up a security issue. Meade had an idea of possibly partnering with Athens Township Parks & Rec to purchase cameras for both groups in order to get a better price. He talked to Megan at Athens Township and she was going to call the Township's attorney to see if they can legally do that. Bill stated that the authority doesn't need live cameras at each station, just cameras that will record if something happens. Something motion censored. He feels that the Parks & Rec should take the lead on this as they need something that is live feed. The members talked about different companies and Doug Williams stated that he has Chris Boggs at his station and it works well. They would like to call Chris to see what can be done at each station, and prioritize the stations, maybe do some in next year's budget. Meade thought we should check with Bradford County to see if there are any grants available for this project.

Executive – None

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Steimel and seconded by Doug Williams. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32p.m.

Next meeting is July 21, 2025 @ 5:30

Respectfully,

*Julie Lewis*

*Administrative Secretary*