

Athens Township Authority
December 15, 2025

Meade Murtland called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Members also present were Doug Williams, Bill Steimel, Todd Johnson and Tim Smith. Julie Lewis, Secretary along with Joshua Cassidy were also present.

Citizens - None

Minutes – Meade Murtland asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2025 There was a motion by Bill Steimel seconded by Todd Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

Financial – December bills totaled \$31,009.88 plus an additional \$712.26 that had come in today and needed to be paid before late fees were assessed for a total of \$31,722.14. Those bills were Valley Energy in the amount of \$125.68 and Penelec in the amount of \$586.58. There was a motion by Bill Steimel seconded by Doug Williams to accept and pay the bills. Motion was unanimous.

Payee	Amount
AQUA PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 223.08
Austin's Excavating	\$ 300.00
Cassidy Sewer Services	\$ 6,460.00
Cummins-Wagner Co., Inc.	\$ 10,432.78
Empire Access	\$ 32.57
Fagan Engineers	\$ 5,500.00
Gannon Associates	\$ 375.00
Muni-Link, LLC	\$ 645.23
PA. ONE CALL SYSTEMS, INC.	\$ 1.00
Patton's Plumbing	\$ 4,280.00
PENELEC	\$ 1,580.97
Pitney Bowes	\$ 204.00
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	\$ 92.18
Robinson Contracting & Landscaping	\$ 473.20
Roto-Rooter	\$ 475.00
South Waverly Borough	\$ 406.67
Valley Energy	\$ 240.46
	\$ 31,722.14

Delinquent list – Went over the delinquent list. The list total presented to the authority was \$18,466.04. The authority would like for the Attorney to send a letter to a landlord that has several accounts past due.

MAINTENANCE – Josh stated it very stressful month. Pump station 8 has had many problems. Rails need to be replaced at some point. 3 pumps have failed at this location, all after a new panel has been put in, the controller in the panel is bad. The part has been shipped and on its way. When we get it, Van will get it installed. Van has been at this pump station repeatedly and has ensured that the wiring is not the issue. All the manholes have been cleaned up there, so Josh feels there is good flow going on. Josh stated the amperage on the pumps are going real high when hooked up. Doug thought that maybe there is an airlock in the system that would make the pumps not be able to push the flow and that is why the amperage goes up when the pumps are turned back on. Doug would like to see the vac truck come and suck out the return line to see if there is an airlock. And once the controller is in maybe this will take care of the issue. Josh had to have the rails at pump station 4 fixed, one side of the rail was loose and Vacri came back and put brackets on it to secure it.

LEGAL – None

Other Business – The budget was reviewed; There was a motion by Doug Williams seconded by Tim Smith to accept the budget. The motion was unanimous.

Executive – None

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Williams and seconded by Bill Steimel. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m.

Next meeting is January 20, 2026 @ 5:30

Respectfully,

Julie Lewis

Administrative Secretary

ATHENS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

January 12, 2026

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6:30PM by Chairwoman, Marion Carling.

Present: Chairwoman Marion Carling, Rebecca Miller, Matt Cooper, Bob Petruschak, Zoning Officer, Ed Reid, and Secretary, Cindy Parrish. Ron Reagan was unable to attend due to a previous commitment. All others in attendance are noted on the attached sign-in sheet.

Reorganization:

Motion to appoint Carling as Chairperson was made by Miller and seconded by Petruschak. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Miller as Vice Chairperson was made by Cooper and seconded by Petruschak. Motion carried.

Applicants to be heard: none

Zoning/SALDO updates:

Miller stated that she got the tables from Parrish into the file. Cooper and Miller discussed formatting. Articles 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 are ready to be proofread. Members should highlight anything they find in those articles that may still need discussion. Cooper is working backwards through the tables. Carling said that she hopes we should have the proofreading done by the next meeting.

Discussion was held about printing and about copies and locations for the review period.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2025, meeting was made by Miller and seconded by Petruschak. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2025, meeting was made by Miller and seconded by Cooper. Motion carried.

Cooper made mention of the rise in synthetic audio recordings in regards to verification for submittals. Resident, Rosemary Firestone asked if Cooper was concerned about AI robocalls to the township. Discussion was held.

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ATPC minutes 1/12/26

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed individually by the commission members and was noted on the agenda

Chairwoman Carling adjourned the meeting at 6:52PM as ~~there~~ was no other business before the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Parrish
Secretary

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Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company

Fire/Incident Report

Dec-25

Incident Summary

Total Calls:	11	
Total Time In-Service:	16:01:39	
Total Personnel Hours (Incident Response)	155:31:15	
Total Personnel Hours (Training)	<u>20:00:00</u>	
Total Personnel Hours (Response and Training)	175:31:15	
Total Mileage	325	Miles
Diesel Fuel Used	83.201	Gallons
Gasoline Used	10.988	Gallons
Total Fuel Expense	\$350.19	

Respectfully Submitted,
Austyn Merrill, Fire Chief

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company

Monthly Training Hours

Dec-25

Personnel Name	Total hours
1	3
2	1.5
3	1.5
4	10
5	4
6	
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8	
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Total Personnel Hours Training:	20:00:00

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company
 Monthly Mileage Report
 Dec-25

	24 Tower 1	24 Engine 1	24 Engine 2	24 Tanker 1	24 Squad 1	24 Brush 1	24 Sp. Unit 1	CMD 24
Month Starting	19210	29293	16876	18437	7214	8458	166210	171984
Month Ending	19233	29501	16916	18463	7242	8458	166210	171984
Miles Traveled	23	208	40	26	28	0	0	0

Total Dept Miles Traveled 325

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company

Monthly Fuel Report

Dec-25

Date	Truck/Equipment	Diesel Gallons	Gasoline Gallons	Cost
12/10/2025	24 Engine 1	21.809		\$90.70
12/13/2025	24 Tower 1	16.004		\$56.00
12/13/2025	24 Engine 2	31.388		\$109.83
12/13/2025	24 Tanker 1	14		\$50.05
12/24/2025	Fuel Cans		10.988	\$43.61
Totals		83.201	10.988	\$350.19

2025 Year End Review

Total Calls	235
Total Personnel Hours	2,746
Total Miles Travelled	6089
Total Classes Completed	214
Total Fuel Cost	\$ 4,058.66

Athen Township Parks and Recreation

January 2026

ATPR – Meets the last Monday of each month before the Athen Township Supervisors meeting on the last Wednesday of the month.

The meeting is held at the Athens Township Building at 45 Herrick Avenue in Athens Township.

This commission is currently made up of Meade T. Murtland (Chairman) and Chris Watson, George Crowell, William Steimel

Parks System Maintenance Supervisor – Barry Bronson

Daily parks gate attendants – Janine Dawson (Primary)

- Spencer Underdown (backup)

For Pavilion rentals and information call the Township offices at: 570-888-2325

1. Call to order
2. Voice of the Citizens -
3. Community Service Projects –
4. Financial and Bills for the month – (Available on request)
5. Old Business –

I have met with Eagle Scout candidate Elizabeth Denlinger and officially signed off on the completion of her Eagle Project at Round Top Park on Monday 1/19/26. Elizabeth will be joining us at our February meeting to present to the board a presentation of her project.

Work on the Round Top tower site has begun. Have been in contact with Travis Fox with PSP about access to the Round Top site and agreed that the continued use of our “lock chain” makes the most sense.

Construction activity by vendors working with Tioga County on the state tower project as well as Spectrum and Rural Electric/Penelec who will doing their respective projects will continue through the winter months as condition and construction schedules allow.

All necessary paperwork has been submitted to DCNR/EMHR and we are waiting for the reimbursement check on our pavilion project at Trs Landing.

Vandalism continues to be a problem with someone doing donuts in the grassy area of Toziers Landing as well as spray painting one of our park signs. This has been reported to ATPD.

Continuing to work on the stray/feral cat issue at Toziers Landing. I have been in contact with two or three of the people who are trying to help with this problem. At this time a total of 6 cats have been caught and relocated leaving approximately 5 left. Contact with 2 animal shelter organization has been both helpful and frustrating.

A recommendation has been made by ATPR that a stray/feral cat ordinance be developed and that recommendation has been passed on to the township solicitor and the Board of Supervisors. In the meantime the removal of the existing temporary homes for these feral cats has been halted due to the extremely cold weather. This is a process and it is proceeding along.

The holiday star on Round Top was again placed and lite with the help of ATPR commission members and a local crane service at no cost to the township. The star will remain up until the weather and scheduling allow for it to be taken down and stored.

New Business

We will be scheduling a meeting with ASA softball and the Girls Softball League to talk about the practice fields at both Jim King Park and Round Top Park. These organizations have expressed an interest in partnering with ATPR to improve and the fields for 2026.

Bill Stimal and I will be working on parks grants for 2026 and beyond. These grants would be used for things like lighting and camera security, parking lot improvements and pavilion improvements and maintenance.

FYI we will be most likely looking at a new front deck mowing machine for 2026. Our current one is starting to cost us more in repair costs. The current one (Snapper 61 inch cut)we have had since 2013 which makes it appox. 12 years old. We will be using the current one as a backup upon getting a new one which is projected to cost between 18 and 20K. the new one would be a Grasshopper front deck model with a 61 inch cut.

Barry has gathered information on a new mowing machine and we will be reviewing and making recommendations at an upcoming meeting.

FYI the Parks Truck is beginning to cost us more and more to keep running. Barry thinks he can keep it running for a while BUT we need to start thinking about a new truck.

We have received communications from DO GOOD BE GOOD LLC / DBA: Eagle Water Kayak Rentals who wishes to present a business plan for a kayak rental business that he would like to seasonally stage at Toziers Landing.

Executive Session (If needed)

- 6. Next meeting will be on February 23rd**
- 7. Adjourn**

Summary of Work – Department of Public Works / Dec 25' - Jan 26'

For the months of December through January we worked on a lot of snow removal because of the unexpected snow storms. Each team member has their own assigned route which they work on first, then it is split up to whomever needs assistance elsewhere. I typically get in truck 1 and clear intersections for the guys, and focus on the fire departments. I have met twice with Marty from "Suit-Kote" regarding the roads they worked on. Zac focused on maintenance and making sure the dumps and smaller trucks were up to standard for state inspections. I went through every vehicle to make sure they were all inspected and noticed one trucks inspection ran out in Apr of 25, so I immediately set up inspections for all. The DOT inspector would identify what repairs were needed before a sticker was applied, and once fixed by Zac, they went back for a re-inspection. We began with Fulmer's in Wysox until I found a mechanic locally, so I made the switch to Chris Sutton. I made sure to order salt for the township and have kept a current rotation going. We need a larger shed because this one is falling apart and doesn't store enough for the area we service.

The guys worked on getting round top ready for Charter/Spectrum, so they can install the underground lines. Chris and Brian spent numerous hours making sure all road signs were in place and up to code, so the residence could follow them accordingly. They also cleaned the ditch lines for all roads and made sure the water has a clear path of travel. Mike and Dawson worked alongside of ac numerous times to repairs the trucks, and they shuttled them back and forth to the DOT inspection garages. They also helped cleaning ditches at times. I periodically receive calls from residents about repairs needed by their homes, and I send Chris, Brian, Mike, and Dawson out to do the repairs. We have also spent roughly 60 hours clearing snow and ice because of the clipper we had at the end of December, and then the larger storm in January. Once that is completed, we wash off the trucks so the salt doesn't damage them, and then we do a post-storm maintenance stand down for repairs. I keep a detailed running report of daily activities that can be had if needed by the BOS.

Anthony J. Lundy

Director of Public Works



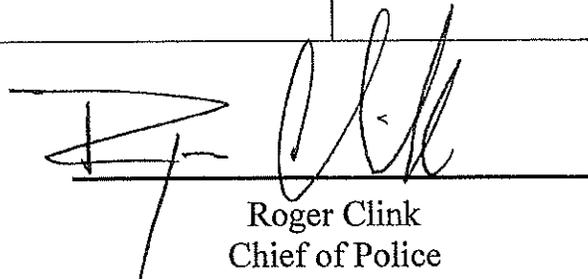
ATHENS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police Roger Clink

45 Herrick Avenue Sayre, PA 18840

2025 ANNUAL POLICE REPORT

CALLS FOR SERVICE	
3510	
CRIMINAL OFFENSES REPORTED/INVESTIGATED	
360	
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	
FELONY	88
MISDEMEANOR	200
SUMMARY	55
TOTAL	343
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	
CITATIONS	196
WARNINGS	780
TOTAL	976
WARRANTS	
SERVED	35
ACCIDENTS	
REPORTABLE MVA	44
NON-REPORTABLE MVA	101
TOTAL	145
VEHICLE INFORMATION	
MILES	55,666
GALLONS	4840.2
AVERAGE MPG	11.5
STOLEN/RECOVERED PROPERTY	
STOLEN	54,576.92
RECOVERED	29,067.05


Roger Clink
Chief of Police



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Chief Roger Clink Sergeant Daniel Thomas

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MONTHLY CALLS FOR SERVICE REPORT December, 2025

Calls For Service: 166	Citations Issued: 3	Warnings Issued: 14
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Criminal Offenses	Reported/Investigated	Arrests
Criminal Trespass		
Crim/Mischief		
Harassment	4	
Drug Violations	1	1
Retail Theft		1
Counterfeit Plates		
Burglary	1	
Theft	4	1
DUI	1	1
Fraud	3	
Stalking	1	
Disorderly Conduct	4	1
Aggravated Assaults		
Rape	1	1
False Reports		
Twp Ordinance		
Fleeing Or Attempting Elude		
All Other Crimes		
TOTAL	20	6



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MONTHLY VEHICLES REPORT

December, 2025

VEHICLE	MILES PATROLLED	CURRENT MILEAGE	GAS USED	AVERAGE MPG
2013 Chevy (301)		122,014		
2020 Ford (302)	463	119,935	50.4	9.1
2013 Chevy (303)	147	152,290	21	7
2025 Ford (304)	958	4822	84.4	11.3
2009 Chevy (305)	253	137,275	44.1	5.7
2018 Ford (306)	281	75,286	24.2	11.6
2023 Chevy (309)	1118	66,111	78.1	14.3
TOTAL	3220		302.2	10.6



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Warrants Served	2
Warrants Received	1
Warrants Outstanding	171

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		PROPERTY	
Reportable	4	Stolen	Recovered
Fatal		\$200.00	\$0
Non-Reportable	6		
Non-Reportable- H&R	4		
TOTAL MVA	14		

Supervisors' Report January 2026

January 28, 2026

Zoning Permits:

*- notice was sent as work started prior to obtaining permit

** -property is in the floodplain

Permit #26001: demo trailer

Permit #26002: new business

Permit #26003: sign package

Notices Sent:

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no permit-1st

no permit-1st

no permit-1st

new business-written/not sent-visited

"Watching":

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Variances:

None at this time

Special Exception:

Joe/Trisha Burns have withdrawn their application for an agribusiness (storefront) in the Ag District

Conditional Use:

None at this time

Map Amendments:

None at this time

Sup. Rpt.

January, 2026

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Appeal of Decision:

None at this time

Complaints:

None at this time

General:

We responded to 30 PA One Calls this month and 718 year to date. The vehicle travelled 306 miles and used 37 gallons of fuel this month.

2025 Athens Township Zoning Permits

Accessory structures (includes: sheds, pole barns, carports, greenhouses, garages):	27
Trailers/modular:	8
New single family dwellings:	3
Duplex dwellings:	0
Signs (includes new, replacement, political, and temporary):	13
Pools:	6
Demolitions:	6
Additions:	3
Temporary events/Roadside stands:	15
Fences:	15
Decks/porches/ramps:	14
Patio/Sidewalk:	0
Land development/new business:	5
Home occupations:	0
Temporary RV's:	1
Permit renewals (floodplain):	1
Communication towers (new antennas):	1
Rec cabin:	1
Well Pads:	0
Solar panels:	4
Retaining walls:	1
Business remodels:	0
Utilities:	1
Bridge Project:	2