

Athens Township Authority
January 20, 2026

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

Reorganization was done. There was a motion by Doug Williams to appoint Meade Murtland as Chair seconded by Bill, the vote was unanimous. There was a motion by Bill Steimel, seconded by Todd Johnson to appoint Doug Williams as Vice-Chair, the vote was unanimous. There was a motion to appoint Todd Johnson as the Secretary by Meade Murtland seconded by Bill Steimel, the vote was unanimous. There was a motion to appoint Bill Steimel as treasurer by Todd Johnson, seconded by Tim Smith, the vote was unanimous.

Citizens - Jamie Gensel from Fagan Engineers was in attendance to give an update on the grant. He is going to get RC Holmes to start looking into our pumps and make recommendations. The authority spoke to Jamie regarding the email from Allison Park Contractors regarding the abandoned line across Tozer's Bridge. Since it is abandoned, he doesn't see where there would be an issue for them to cap it off when they replace the bridge.

Minutes – Meade Murtland asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025 There was a motion by Bill Steimel seconded by Todd Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

Financial – January bills totaled \$122,264.62 There was a motion by Doug Williams seconded by Bill Steimel to accept and pay the bills. Motion was unanimous.

| Payee | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Aqua Pennsylvania | \$ 183.22 |
| Athens Borough Council | \$ 1,130.92 |
| BradCo Supply | \$ 31.72 |
| C&N Bank | \$ 379.38 |
| Cassidy Sewer Services | \$ 6,566.27 |
| Doug Williams | \$ 150.00 |
| Empire Access | \$ 32.57 |
| Gannon Associates | \$ 5,012.00 |
| Hal Fish Heating & Air Conditioning | \$ 280.00 |
| Horton Electric Motor | \$ 925.00 |
| IRR Supply Company | \$ 68.18 |
| Joe Murrelle Press | \$ 189.00 |

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|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Meade T. Murtland | \$ 150.00 |
| Muni-Link, LLC | \$ 666.52 |
| Muni-Link, LLC | \$ 645.23 |
| OmniSite | \$ 3,364.00 |
| Patton's Plumbing | \$ 6,607.50 |
| Penelec | \$ 2,276.34 |
| South Waverly Borough | \$ 8,036.00 |
| Todd Johnson | \$ 150.00 |
| Valley Energy | \$ 257.25 |
| Valley Joint Sewer Services | \$ 85,013.52 |
| William Steimel | \$ 150.00 |
| | \$ 122,264.62 |

Delinquent list – The delinquent list was reviewed in the amount of 17,286.04. There are several that we are going to turn over to the district justice.

MAINTENANCE – Josh was not at the meeting; his report was read.

LEGAL – None

Other Business – There was a discussion about purchasing a folding & stuffing machine joint with South Waverly Borough Sewer. With South Waverly Sewer paying 2/3 of the cost of the machine and the Authority paying 1/3 in the amount of 1879.00. There was a motion by Doug Williams to approve the purchase seconded by Todd Johnson. The vote was unanimous. Julie let the authority know that the budget had to be amended as the spreadsheet had an error on it. The total budget for 2026 \$1,350,550.00. There was a motion by Todd Johnson to accept the amended budget seconded by Bill Steimel. The vote was unanimous.

Executive – The authority went into executive at 6:27 p.m. regarding personnel and came out at 6:35 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Williams and seconded by Todd Johnson. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37p.m.

Next meeting is February 17. 2026 @ 5:30

Respectfully,

Julie Lewis

Administrative Secretary

ATHENS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:31PM by Vice Chairwoman, Rebecca Miller.

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

Applicants to be heard: none

Comment on Special Exception Application:

Dylan Ward was in attendance to discuss his Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) application for a Special Exception approval to place a new 52'x27' doublewide mobile home on his property on Meadowlark Drive (Residential Suburban District). Special Exception applications need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission for comment/report prior to being heard by the ZHB. The home will be coming from Butters Homes. Reid stated that the floodplain requirements will be met, and they are currently moving through all the proper approval processes.

Discussion was held as to why this was not an outright permitted use and why the Zoning Ordinance required Special Exception approval. Further discussion was held about the placement of the driveway.

Motion to send a letter to the ZHB stating that the Planning Commission has "no adverse comment" was made by Cooper and seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Zoning/SAEDO updates:

Discussion was held about signage provisions. Parrish and Reid will talk to Solicitor Thompson about product/service signage.

Miller and Cooper discussed formatting issues. Discussion was held about data centers.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026, meeting was made by Petruschak and seconded by Cooper. Motion carried. Reagan abstained as he was not present for that meeting.

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ATPC minutes
2/2/26

Correspondence:

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

Vice Chairwoman Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:22PM 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
Jan-26

Incident Summary

| | | |
|---|-----------------|---------|
| Total Calls: | 8 | |
| Total Time In-Service: | 4:44:33 | |
| | | |
| Total Personnel Hours (Incident Response) | 50:18:06 | |
| Total Personnel Hours (Training) | <u>84:30:00</u> | |
| Total Personnel Hours (Response and Training) | 134:48:06 | |
| | | |
| Total Mileage | 221 | Miles |
| | | |
| Diesel Fuel Used | 25.99 | Gallons |
| Gasoline Used | 0 | Gallons |
| Total Fuel Expense | \$92.85 | |

Respectfully Submitted,
Austyn Merrill, Fire Chief

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company

Monthly Training Hours

Jan-26

| | Personnel Name | Total hours |
|----|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | | 16 |
| 2 | | 8.5 |
| 3 | | 2.5 |
| 4 | | 4.5 |
| 5 | | 4.5 |
| 6 | | 2 |
| 7 | | 4.5 |
| 8 | | 4.5 |
| 9 | | 4.5 |
| 10 | | 4.5 |
| 11 | | 2 |
| 12 | | 2 |
| 13 | | 2 |
| 14 | | 4.5 |
| 15 | | 2 |
| 16 | | 6.5 |
| 17 | | 9.5 |
| 18 | | |
| 19 | | |
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| 29 | | |
| 30 | | |

: **Total Personel Hours Training:** 84:30:00

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company

Monthly Mileage Report

Jan-26

| | 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 | 19233 | 29501 | 16916 | 18463 | 7242 | 8358 | 166210 | 171984 |
| Month Ending | 19368 | 29501 | 16948 | 18499 | 7260 | 8358 | 166210 | 171984 |
| Miles Traveled | 135 | 0 | 32 | 36 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Total Dept Miles Traveled 221

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company
Monthly Fuel Report
Jan-26

| Date | Truck/Equipment | Diesel Gallons | Gasoline Gallons | Cost |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1/4/2026 | 24 Engine 2 | 7.5 | | \$30.01 |
| 1/6/2026 | 24 Engine 2 | 10.407 | | \$35.37 |
| 1/8/2026 | 24 Tanker 1 | 8.083 | | \$27.47 |
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| | Totals | 25.99 | 0 | \$92.85 |

Athen Township Parks and Recreation

February 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 – Elizabeth Denlinger/ Eagle Scout
4. Financial and Bills for the month – (Available on request)
5. Old Business –

We have received our reimbursement check in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the new pavilion we constructed at Toziers Landing in 2025. This was made possible through a grant from the DCNR and the Endless Mountain Heritage Region's Mini-Grant program.

The holiday star on Round Top has been turned off for the season. And as soon as the road to the top of Round Top is drivable Mattison's Bucket Service will take it down and place it on the trailer. I will coordinate with Barry on bringing it back down to the Township Building.

The raised walkway project around the pond area has been completed by Elizabeth Denlinger and fully signed off on. Our thanks to Elizabeth for taking on this project at the pond at Round Top Park.

Special thanks :

Goes to Steve Bean who opened up his shop in assembling and transporting the walkway.

Foot note: Elizabeth raised ALL of the funds for her project and she nor the township paid one penny to have this valuable project done around the fishing pond at Round Top.

We need to get a total of 3 bids for the new mowing machine. We have one so far and Barry is in contact with a couple of other companies to get bids. According to the process we must submit 3 bids for review when the project or purchase falls between \$13,200 and 24,500. Again Barry is on this

Waiting to here from the township solicitor and the Supervisors about the stray/feral cat ordinance.

We are aware that the "temporary shelters" placed over at Toziers Landing is still there and have chosen to leave it in place till warmer weather comes before removing it.

Additionally, I have been in contact with 2 organizations as well as several cat friendly residents about this and they have both offered to do what they can and also help in the relocation and cleanup of the site.

Conversations on finding a solution to the stray/feral cat problem are ongoing.

With all the additional activity on Round Top gate security has again become an issue at the front gate. Working on a chain lock solution with multiple vendors needing access it's a growing problem. A solution is under review and expect that it will be in place by next month.

New Business

I and the township secretary have received the yearly certificate of insurance from The Athens Little League and certificate of liability insurance from the Valley R/C club.

We will again this year be trying to add some extra parking inside Jim King Park to accommodate the overflow when the ASA and Athens Little League are using the field. This hopefully will keep folks from parking along both sides of Glen Valley Road.

I am in the process of requesting new updated bids for the re-roof and structural repair of pavilions 7 and 8 (the Rotary Pavilions) on the upper part of Round Top Park. This was postponed for lack of funding last year.

In addition to the pavilion 7 and 8 rehab project we want to look into solar lighting at Toziers Landing and some type of wireless security camera system at selected parks we have identified as being the targets of vandalism.

Committee member Bill Steimel and I attended a grant seminar at the Keystone Theater on Friday the 20th. In the hope of learning how we might obtain grant money for this years projects.

April 25th (weather permitting) will be our the ATPR annual park inspection beginning at Toziers Landing at 9:00am. We will be doing a walk around at all 5 of our parks/playgrounds/memorials.

Tentative start date for Barry will be on April 1st weather, park inspection dependent.

Round Top Park will open for the season on Mother's Day weekend Friday, May 8th.

Jamie Dawson will begin her duties as RTP gate opener and closer on this date. Her immediate back up will be Spencer Underdown.

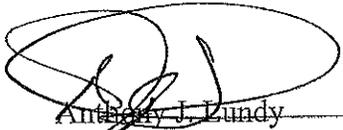
Executive Session (If needed)

6. Next meeting will be on March 23rd, 2026

7. Adjourn

Summary of Work – Department of Public Works / February 2026'

For the February the public works department focused on snow removal heavily. We have a few storms come up and they had to come in to work on the weekends. I worked mostly on renewing contracts with Meagan, calling residents and responding to their calls, and doing interviews. Meagan and I also met with Penn DOT and went over what materials need to be ordered, so we can maintain the dirt roads for summer. Zac focused on getting all the trucks up and running, and so they will pass state inspection. Truck 3 has been tough because it still has a leak coming from the radiator that we cannot locate, so this might need to go to another shop for further evaluation. Zac and Mike also went to Trout Run to look at a back-up truck option and that one turned out to be terrible. I did visit Allentown as well and found one that is viable and that we should buy. The rest of the team have been plowing, clearing ditches, and pipes for weeks. Once it thawed for a bit, we needed to see where the water was going, and that allowed them to direct it towards the ditches. Please see the daily log for anything else.


Anthony J. Lundy
Director of Public Works



ATHENS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Roger Clink Sergeant Daniel Thomas

45 Herrick Avenue Sayre, PA 18840

MONTHLY CALLS FOR SERVICE REPORT

January, 2026

Calls For Service: 180

Citations Issued: 5

Warnings Issued: 11

| Criminal Offenses | Reported/Investigated | Arrests |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Criminal Trespass | | |
| Crim/Mischief | | |
| Harassment | 2 | 5 |
| Drug Violations | 3 | |
| Retail Theft | 2 | 1 |
| Simple Assault | 3 | 4 |
| Statement Under Penalty | | 1 |
| Theft | | |
| DUI | | |
| Fraud | 4 | |
| Terroristic Threats | | 1 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 1 | 2 |
| Aggravated Assaults | 3 | 2 |
| Rape | 1 | |
| Offenses Against Child | 2 | |
| Twp Ordinance | | |
| Reckless Endangering | | 2 |
| All Other Crimes | | |
| TOTAL | 21 | 18 |



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|----------------------|-----|
| Warrants Served | 3 |
| Warrants Received | |
| Warrants Outstanding | 175 |

| MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS | | PROPERTY | |
|-------------------------|----|----------|-----------|
| Reportable | 6 | Stolen | Recovered |
| Fatal | | \$278.00 | \$278.00 |
| Non-Reportable | 10 | | |
| Non-Reportable- H&R | 2 | | |
| TOTAL MVA | 18 | | |



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MONTHLY VEHICLES REPORT

January, 2026

| VEHICLE | MILES PATROLLED | CURRENT MILEAGE | GAS USED | AVERAGE MPG |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| 2013 Chevy (301) | 356 | 122,370 | 20.9 | 17 |
| 2020 Ford (302) | 152 | 120,293 | 27.7 | 5.4 |
| 2013 Chevy (303) | | 152,290 | | |
| 2025 Ford (304) | 1223 | 6228 | 92.1 | 13.2 |
| 2009 Chevy (305) | 257 | 137,532 | 25 | 10.2 |
| 2018 Ford (306) | 196 | 75,552 | 18.3 | 10.7 |
| 2023 Chevy (309) | 718 | 67,278 | 113 | 6.3 |
| TOTAL | 2902 | | 297 | 9.7 |

Supervisors' Report February 2026

February 25, 2026

Zoning Permits:

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

** -property is in the floodplain

Permit #26004: demo trailer (fire)

Permit #26005: 16x20 shed

Permit #26006: 34x68 doublewide

Permit #26007: 30x30 barn

Permit #26008: 40x14 pole barn

Permit #26009: temp event (Easter Egg Hunt)

Permit #26010: temp sales event

Notices Sent: (3)

"Watching": (2)

-property maint-1st

-sheds as residences-1st

-no permit-enforcement notice

Variances:

None at this time

Special Exception:

The ZHB approved Dylan Ward's request for a Special Exception to place a mobile home in the RS District (Meadowlark Dr) at the hearing held on 2/24/26.

Conditional Use:

None at this time

Map Amendments:

None at this time, but there has been an inquiry about "possibly" requesting a Map Amendment

Sup. Rpt.

January, 2026

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Appeal of Decision:

None at this time

Complaints:

None at this time

General:

We responded to 14 PA One Calls this month and 22 year to date. The vehicle travelled 376 miles and used 40 gallons of fuel this month.

ATHENS TOWNSHIP
 MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT
 February 25, 2026

Bank Account Summary:

| Bank Account | Beginning Balance | Total Deposits | Total Expenses | Ending Balance |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| General Fund C&N | \$ 1,933,341.99 | \$ 212,100.19 | \$ 254,623.71 | \$ 1,890,818.47 |
| M&T | \$ 13,597.90 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,457.70 | \$ 12,140.20 |
| Liquid Fuels | \$ 103,505.63 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 19,212.21 | \$ 84,293.42 |
| Act 13 | \$ 827,674.28 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 827,674.28 |
| Parks/Recreation | \$ 121,384.06 | \$ 7,880.00 | \$ 360.20 | \$ 128,903.86 |
| Capital Reserve | \$ 100,215.90 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 100,215.90 | \$ 100,215.90 |

Total Available Funds: \$ 3,044,046.13

Un-paid Bills for Approval: \$ 15,963.54

Prepared by: 

**Athens Township Supervisors
Board Meeting: February 25, 2026
Un-Paid Bills: Board Approval**

| Company: | Amount | Memo |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| General Fund | | |
| AmTrust Financial Services Inc | \$ 5,491.00 | Worker's Compensation |
| BradCo Supply Co | \$ 1,155.21 | Repairs & Maintenance |
| Charter Communications (Spectrum) | \$ 55.63 | Phone Services |
| Danielle Kinner (Tax Collector) | \$ 1,047.93 | Tax Collector (Stamps) |
| Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority | \$ 178.00 | Dumpster |
| Penelec | \$ 3,127.15 | Electric Services |
| Reliance Standard Life Insurance Co. | \$ 801.77 | Life Insurance |
| Thompson Law Office | \$ 2,484.00 | Solicitor (January) |
| Tom's Hardware & Feed, Inc. | \$ 3.99 | Repairs & Maintenance |
| Valley Energy | \$ 1,255.79 | Gas Services |
| W.B. Mason Co. Inc. | | |
| Supervisors (Office Administration) | \$ 279.61 | |
| Police Department | \$ 40.94 | |
| Total: W.B. Mason Co. Inc. | \$ 320.55 | Office Supplies |
| Total General Fund | \$ 15,921.02 | |
| Parks & Recreation | | |
| Verizon | \$ 42.57 | Phone Services |
| Total Parks & Recreation | \$ 42.57 | |
| Act 13 (No Activity) | | |
| Liquid Fuels (No Activity) | | |
| Capital Reserve (No Activity) | | |