

Athens Township Authority
March 16, 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 and Joshua Cassidy were also present

Citizens - None

Minutes – Meade Murtland asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2026. There was a motion by Doug Williams seconded by Todd Johnson. The vote was unanimous.

Financial – March bills presented to the authority members totaled \$111,000.47 There was a motion by Tim Smith seconded by Doug Williams to accept and pay the bills. Motion was unanimous.

Payee	Amount
Aqua Pennsylvania	\$ 183.03
Athens Borough Council	\$ 1,921.54
Austin's Excavating	\$ 600.00
BradCo Supply	\$ 97.68
Cassidy Sewer Services	\$ 6,460.00
EFPR Group CPA's, LLC	\$ 6,500.00
Empire Access	\$ 32.57
Envirep	\$ 1,057.78
Horton Electric Motor	\$ 2,005.00
Muni-Link, LLC	\$ 1,333.04
Niemiec, Smith & Pellingier	\$ 405.00
PA One Call	\$ 1.00
Patton's Plumbing, Heating & Electrical	\$ 3,250.00
Penelec	\$ 3,121.22
Pitney Bowes	\$ 319.59
Pitney Bowes Purchase Power	\$ 55.05
Robinson Contracting	\$ 573.80
Vacri Construction	\$ 5,900.00
Valley Energy	\$ 236.60
Valley Joint Sewer Authority	\$ 76,947.57
	\$ 111,000.47

Delinquent list – The delinquent list was reviewed in the amount of \$14,749.25. Which is down \$17,259.54 from last month. Julie stated that there are 3 accounts that have liens on the homes. There is one home that is on the market at this time, and 2 that are estates. She gave a run down on a few others as well.

MAINTENANCE – Josh stated it was an interesting month. Had a rail break at Pump station 7. He was able to get the pump back down using one rail. He is replacing both rails with stainless steel. He is waiting on Vacri to get back with him on a start date. There have been a lot of PA One calls. He is waiting for Van to get back to him regarding putting the parts in at pump station 1 (float) and the replacement controller for Queen Esther. We have an aging infrastructure and things are bound to break. This rail break was below the water line and was undetectable. Bill stated that we should budget at least 2 a year. We only have 4 more pump stations that haven't had new rails put in in quite some time. There was discussion about placing a sign at the McDuffee Street pump station because the neighbor is using the drive way for their parking and it is difficult to get around the cars.

LEGAL –

Other Business – Update on Army Corps of Engineers. Julie stated that she found some paperwork to go along with that and will be meeting with the Attorney in regards to what was found. Will give more of an update at the next meeting.

Executive – None

Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Johnson and seconded by Tim Smith. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33p.m.

Next meeting is April 20, 2026 @ 5:30

Respectfully,

Julie Lewis

Administrative Secretary

ATHENS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

March 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:28PM by Chairwoman, Marion Carling.

Present: Chairwoman Marion Carling, Vice Chairwoman 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.

Applicants to be heard: none

Zoning/SALDO updates:

Miller stated that she is looking at formatting/spelling inconsistencies from the conversion to MSWord. That review is still in process. Product/services signage (704F) was discussed. Reid and Parrish will work on developing new language for the section. Cooper will continue working on the tables.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2026, meeting was made by Cooper and seconded by Miller. Motion carried. Carling abstained as she was not present for that meeting.

Chairwoman Carling adjourned the meeting at 7:01PM as there was no other business before the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Parrish
Secretary

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company
Fire/Incident Report
Mar-26

Incident Summary

Total Calls:	13	
Total Time In-Service:	12:07:35	
Total Personnel Hours (Incident Response)	138:37:42	
Total Personnel Hours (Training)	<u>0:00:00</u>	
Total Personnel Hours (Response and Training)	138:37:42	
Total Mileage	428	Miles
Diesel Fuel Used	15.13	Gallons
Gasoline Used	18.852	Gallons
Total Fuel Expense	\$155.61	

Respectfully Submitted,
Austyn Merrill, Fire Chief

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company

Monthly Training Hours

Mar-26

Personnel Name

Total hours

- 1
- 2
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- 8
- 9
- 10
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Total Personnel Hours Training:

0:00:00

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company
 Monthly Milage Report
 Mar-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	19246	29501	16980	18499	7284	8458	166363	171984
Month Ending	19255	29528	17014	18523	7339	8491	166601	171992
Miles Traveled	9	27	34	24	55	33	238	8
Total Dept Miles Traveled	428							

Athens Township Volunteer Fire Company

Monthly Fuel Report

Mar-26

Date	Truck/Equipment	Diesel Gallons	Gasoline Gallons	Cost
3/23/2026	24 Engine 2	15.13		\$81.71
3/31/2026	24 Sp Unit 1		8.913	\$35.64
3/29/2026	24 Squad 1		9.223	\$35.54
3/18/2026	CMD 24		0.716	\$2.72
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	Totals	15.13	18.852	\$155.61

Athen Township Parks and Recreation

April 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 –

The New Round Top Park combination lock entry system is proceeding. All authorized vendors and those needing access are being sent a letter and once those are returned we will be sending out the combination code for the lock system which will be in effect beginning May 1st if all goes well.

After the presentation by Eagle Water Kayak rental at last months Supervisors meeting. Waiting to hear from the Solicitor if all requested items have been submitted and if so can Eagle Water Kayak Rental proceed.

We have a new plan for hopefully dealing with the garbage and dumping of household waste and junk at our parks. With respect to Tozier's Landing this will include:

Adding a no dumping of waste or garbage clause to the ATPR rules and regulations.

Posting of signage referencing the ordinance against such practices and outlining that we will peruse, prosecute and fine those in violation.

The addition of 2 additional trash receptacles in add ition to the 1 we now have their.

Exploring adding a small dumpster from NTSWD on a seasonal basis.

The Feral cat issue continues at Tozier's Landing. Barry has removed the make shift feral cat housing along with the paper plates, food bowls and other assorted things that have been collecting at Tozier's Landing during the winter months.

As a reminder we had agreed that during the winter and extreme cold weather we would leave them in place BUT that in the Spring it would be cleared out.

At my direction Barry has done this. Expecting some blow back on this from the "Cat People" BUT it needs to be done. We are persuing a legal avenue to take care of this but have not heard from either the Supervisors or the Solicitor yet.

It's been in the paper if you haven't already seen it.

New mowing machine was approved and arrangement for it's delivery is being made now. The successful bid was from J. D. Welliver in Bloomsburg, Pa.

Been in touch with Gavin Ross on his Eagle Project with a suggestion that he consider a guide rail project on Round Top to replace the ones made out of telephone poles which have been their for over 40 years.

We now have 3 estimates for the pavilion 7 and 8 re-roof project. We will review them at tonight's meeting.

Following that we will submit to the Supervisors with our recommendation.

Bill S. and I have visited EMHR offices and are working on a mini-grant application for this project. The mini- grant would be \$20,000 of which we would be required to provide \$10,000 in the form of cash or in-kind work.

New Business –

Exploring grants to fund further improvements at both Tozier's Landing and Round Top Park.

Responding to a request from a Supervisor for expenditures by the parks for the last 3 -years. This was passed on to Mason for him to report to the Supervisor on.

Building a list of potential community and Scout projects for the upcoming year.

6. Calendar of important dates -

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)

7. Next meeting will be on May 18th (this is one week earlier because of the Memorial Day Holiday.

8. Adjourn

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

For the month of April, the public works department focused on several areas now that the weather is turning towards the spring & summer months. I went to the DGLVR training located in Honesdale, PA along with Brian Flick. Both of us are now state certified by the conservation district for the next five years. I then went straight to Jefferson Township and attended the flagger certification course, and I shadowed the instructor, so I could become a certified flagger instructor. The PSATS organization thanked me because they have needed an instructor located in our area for the past few years. I then needed to take three day's bereavement leave due to the passing of my grandmother, and then went straight to the annual PSATS conference in Hershey, PA. I contacted the Bradford county conservation district and rode with Tim Robson who is one of the representatives for our county, and we assessed Tutelow creek road, Orcutt Creek road, Jacklyn drive, and Vetter road. Tim determined that Tutelow and Orcutt were priority and walked me through the application forms, so from that point I began walking and scaling out the roads, taking pictures, and assembling information for these applications.

Before I left for training, Zac Guiles, my mechanic and foreman quit, and while I was at training, Chris Stocks quit. I was able to get one guy, Kevin Seymour hired, but I need the board to allow me to schedule Heather Fenton for the urinalysis because she already passed the background investigation, and I spoke to all her references. I still need to hire one more person after her. The crew was making due with the shortages only having two guys here for a few days, and then only three until last week. From the beginning of April, Chris and Brian needed to saw a lot of trees, and clear them from the ditches, so water could flow. The crew worked on the ditches in the game lands for three days until heavy rain hit for a few days, then we shifted focus to a few miles of pothole repair with asphalt and DSA. The guys spent two and a half days filling potholes on Orcutt Creek road, where a few residents thanked us, then they filled all that were open on Murray creek road, highland drive, King road, Farr road, Chamberlain road, Bowman road, Sutliff, round top road, parts of Braddock, Sierra View, Tara lane, Queen Esters, and roughly four days assisting Mr. Brotzman with his requests, and as many potholes as they could on Weaver road. We also worked with the Tozer's bridge crew and hauled their millings away to our location for future use. Most of the potholes left need hot mix or full depth reclamation.

Mike and Dawson needed to assist with a 911 call while Brian and I were in training because there was a tree down across the road. We also received a dozen calls from the residents who needed help or had concerns with their roads, so the crew did the repairs, and I gave them to Meagan for documentation. I have come in Saturday's to check the Moore road bridge which is under SCOUR when it rains heavy, so I check it for any issues. The crew has also worked hard with the traveling mechanic Andy, who has identified and fixed all or a majority of the vehicle issues we have had. With-in the next month, we should have all vehicles, including the trailer up and mission capable. We are now staging the grader on Murphy road, so can begin repairs there with millings we have. The crew is also working with the residents who do the adopt a highway program, and they are gathering the trash they find and compile. Mike, Brian, Dawson, and

Kevin went to King road to grab the sofa and other trash on the side of the road, so they can dispose of it.

Lastly, I have been focused on possible projects, and upcoming ones, so we can get these roads working and safe. Now that the materials have been ordered, I can have them delivered. I also rode with Steve Kehoe, and Matt Moore, because I wanted an accurate assessment for costs that pertain to Westbrook ave, Highland, and part of hickory heights. There is a strong possibility that I can re-do, and pave those three this year, and finish the rest of hickory heights next year, then queen esters the following year. As for equipment pricing, we need a new tractor with a boom attachment. The sides of these roads have overgrown so badly, we struggle to maintain the ditch lines, so I spoke with my supervising representative, Matt Moore, and I obtained 3 strong quotes for mowers. I received them from Tiger tractors, Warner tractors, and Bradco. I sat with Macen and we cannot find the budgetary line item needed for this quote, so it will be presented next month.

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 March, 2026

Calls For Service: 216	Citations Issued: 14	Warnings Issued: 23
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Criminal Offenses	Reported/Investigated	Arrests
Criminal Trespass	1	2
Crim/Mischief	2	
Harassment	3	2
Drug Violations	6	11
Retail Theft	8	5
Aggravated Assault		1
Fleeing Attempting To Elude	1	1
Theft		
DUI	1	
Fraud	4	
Terroristic Threats		1
Disorderly Conduct	4	2
Flight To Avoid		1
Resisting Arrest		4
Sex Offenses	1	1
Firearms Violations	1	2
Reckless Endangering		1
All Other Crimes	4	2
TOTAL	36	38



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Warrants Served	6
Warrants Received	
Warrants Outstanding	173

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS		PROPERTY	
Reportable	2	Stolen	Recovered
Fatal		\$3887.84	\$575.43
Non-Reportable	6		
Non-Reportable- H&R			
TOTAL MVA	8		



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MONTHLY VEHICLES REPORT February, 2026

VEHICLE	MILES PATROLLED	CURRENT MILEAGE	GAS USED	AVERAGE MPG
2013 Chevy (301)		122,686		
2020 Ford (302)	713	121,914	68	14.1
2013 Chevy (303)		152,290		
2025 Ford (304)	338	8325	44.6	7.5
2009 Chevy (305)	177	137,532	19	9.3
2018 Ford (306)	401	76,455	32.5	12.3
2023 Chevy (309)	1044	70,361	95.3	10.9
TOTAL	2673		259.4	10.3

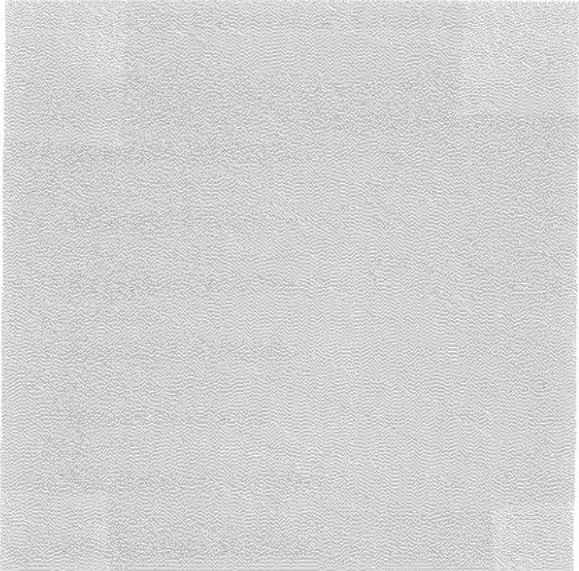
Supervisors' Report April 2026

April 29, 2026

Zoning Permits:

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

** - property is in the floodplain



Permit #26017: demo trailer

Permit #26018: temp mulch area

Permit #26019: 150' aluminum fence

Permit #26020: 53' fence

Permit #26021: temp fireworks stand

Permit #26022: temp fireworks stand

Permit #26023: 20x30 garage/16x24 deck

Permit #26024: elevate porch roof/carport posts

Permit #26025: 12x10 deck/16x32 garage

Permit #26026: 8x12 porch and roof

Permit #26027: temp events

Permit #26028: paving sitework

Permit #26029: temp event

Permit #26030: 20x40 doublewide

Permit #26031: 16x68 mobile home

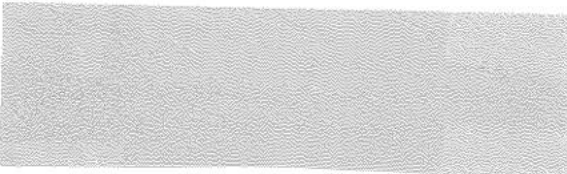
Permit #26032: 239' chainlink fence

Permit #26033: 415' chainlink fence

Permit #26034: demo trailer

Permit #26035: 16x66 mobile home

Permit #26036: 93' fence/temp roadside stand

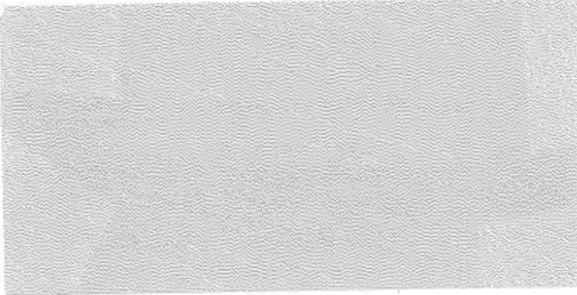


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Notices Sent:



"Watching":

Variances:

None at this time

Special Exception:

None at this time

Conditional Use:

None at this time

Map Amendments:

None at this time

Appeal of Decision:

None at this time

Complaints:

ATPD received a complaint about a rooster on [REDACTED] and verified it then passed it along to the Zoning Office. Notice was sent, and, as of now, the rooster has been removed from the property.

General:

We responded to 48 PA One Calls this month and 85 year to date. The vehicle travelled 0 miles and used 0 gallons of fuel this month.

ATHENS TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT

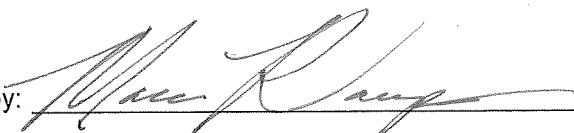
April 29, 2026

Bank Account Summary:

Bank Account	Beginning Balance	Total Deposits	Total Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund C&N	\$ 1,714,434.45	\$ 564,992.89	\$ 253,546.72	\$ 2,025,880.62
M&T	\$ 13,430.16	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,430.16
Total Gen. Fund	\$ 1,727,864.61	\$ 564,992.89	\$ 253,546.72	\$ 2,039,310.78
Liquid Fuels	\$ 385,717.92	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 385,717.92
Act 13	\$ 836,633.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 836,633.60
Parks/Recreation	\$ 185,511.43	\$ 965.00	\$ 8,587.31	\$ 177,889.12
Capital Reserve	\$ 100,662.31	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100,662.31

Total Available Funds: \$ 3,531,894.48

Un-paid Bills for Approval: \$ 6,204.93

Prepared by:  _____

**Athens Township Supervisors
Board Meeting: April 29, 2026
Un-Paid Bills: Board Approval**

Company:	Amount	Memo
General Fund		
2nd Shift Auto	\$ 90.00	Vehicle Service
C&N	\$ 315.00	Pension Quarterly Fees
Five Star Equipment	\$ 1,539.44	Grader Repairs
Penelec	\$ 1,837.34	Electric Services
Quill Corporation	\$ 95.58	Office Supplies
UPS	\$ 46.50	Postage - Zoning
Tom's Hardware	\$ 154.95	New Employee - PPE
Valley Energy	\$ 867.92	Gas Services
Valley Energy	\$ 970.73	Gas Services
W.B. Mason Co. Inc.		
Supervisors (Office Administration)	\$ 71.95	
Police Department	\$ 89.91	
Total: W.B. Mason Co. Inc.	\$ 161.86	Office Supplies
Total General Fund	\$ 6,079.32	
Parks & Recreation (No Activity)		
BradCo	\$ 28.31	Parks Sign
Tom's Hardware	\$ 52.63	Cleaning Supplies
Verizon Wireless	\$ 44.67	Phone Charges
Total Parks & Recreation	\$ 125.61	
Act 13 (No Activity)		
Liquid Fuels (No Activity)		
Capital Reserve (No Activity)		