

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting

June 24, 2026 6:00 PM

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Chairwoman Tressa Heffron called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present were Supervisors – Tressa Heffron, Matthew Moore, Ronald Reagan and Paul Kelley; Bonnie Petruschak was not in attendance due to a scheduling conflict. Solicitor John Thompson and Treasurer Macen Raupers were also in attendance; Secretary Meagan Carling and Director of Public Works Anthony Lundy were also unable to attend.

Heffron led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bid Opening:

SEAL COATING: 3 bids received

<i><u>Locations:</u> SUNNYFIELD DR., ERIN RD., GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL PARK RD., PUMP STATION HILL RD.</i>			
Item	Quantity	Unit	Description of Work
1	35,078	SY	Asphalt Seal Coat, Single Application CRS - 2 <u>OR</u> RS - 2

1. Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc 920 Central Rd, Suite 3 Bloomsburg, PA 17815
UNIT PRICE \$1.79 // TOTAL \$62,789.62
2. Suit-Kote Corporation PO Box 916 Hallstead, PA 18822
UNIT PRICE \$2.00 // TOTAL \$70,156.00
3. Vestal Asphalt, Inc. 201 Stage Rd. Vestal, NY 13850
UNIT PRICE \$2.26 // TOTAL \$79,276.28

On motion of Moore, seconded by Reagan; motion passed to accept the Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. bid in the amount of \$1.79 per SY / \$62,789.62 project total for the seal coating project.

Voice of the Residents:

Joseph Bennett – Mr. Bennett discussed his continued interest in purchasing a Township property deeded with restricted use for educational purposes, Solicitor John Thompson explained options to proceed, including the need list it for open bidding if decision to sell it was made. TABLED until a future BOS meeting as additional research needed by both Bennett and Thompson before continued discussion.

Valerie O'Neil / Shepard Rd. – Ms. O'Neil was unable to attend this meeting but supplied an email / 'youtube' link regarding data centers, read aloud by Moore.

Kelley made a motion for a moratorium on data centers; but the motion failed for lack of a second. Moore stated he has been in contact with other municipalities to gather their input on the 'data center' topic, Solicitor Thompson noted the Bradford County open meeting being held in Towanda PA, Kelley offered to run a town-hall meeting in July, as well; TABLED until the BOS meeting 7/29/26 for more information.

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Athens Twp. Authority:

No representative in attendance; monthly report received.

Athens Twp. Planning Commission:

Monthly report received; Chairwoman Marion Carling represented the Planning Commission.

Carling presented the BOS with the maps and documentation for a subdivision; applicant Tanners Bar & Grill owner Ryan Wood along with Engineer Todd Babcock in attendance.

Tanner's Bar & Grill / 3-lot subdivision on Route 199 (#26-01):

Discussion was had regarding the preliminary / final plan for a 3-lot subdivision to be made part and parcel to property occupied by Tanner's Bar & Grill.

On motion of Heffron, seconded by Moore; motion passed to accept the Planning Commission recommended preliminary / final plan approval and grant the subdivision with the seven deficiencies noted as being met.

The Township Zoning Ordinance – Data Center section topic TABLED until the next BOS meeting 7/29/26 per discussion earlier in the meeting.

Athens Twp. Volunteer Fire Co.:

No representative in attendance; two monthly reports received (April & May).

Athens Twp. Parks Commission:

No representative in attendance; monthly report received.

EMHR mini-grant awarded to Athens Township for Round Top Park – pavilions 7&8 repairs, match up to \$10,000. Work scheduled to begin 6/29-7/19/26. Noted.

PARKS updated rules draft completed and ready to have proofed by Solicitor Thompson; TABLED until the next BOS meeting 7/29/26 for time to review.

Athens Twp. Public Works Dept.:

No representative in attendance; monthly report received.

Moore presented the recent roadwork performed; discussion was had.

Kelley made a motion to provide the Director of Public Works \$100,000 for use at their discretion / as needed by establishing a new line item; but the motion failed for lack of a second.

Discussion continued regarding the need for additional DSA material to finish the roads scheduled for this season, explaining the current contracts limits on what the “plus / minus” verbiage equates to regarding minimum / maximum tons allowable; calculations showing the need for above that amount.

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On motion of Moore, seconded by Reagan; motion passed to advertise for bid an additional 7,000 tons of DSA material (PA, state certified) with deadline for submittal / letting at the next BOS meeting 7/29/26 per the drafted bid documents / advertisement (for the Morning Times) presented.

Agenda item “The Pavement Management Group ‘RoadINsights Program’” was not addressed and will be placed on the next meetings’ agenda.

Discussion was had regarding an estimate requested to pave the section of Erin Road from Wolcott Hollow Road to the far side of the small culvert, that was not included in the paving contract last year. With Bishop Brothers being in that neighborhood from the paving bid awarded at the last BOS meeting, they may be able to add it into the project. Estimate from Bishops for that section of Erin Road was not quoted at the same rates as the bid received; TABLED to the next BOS meeting 7/29/26 to contact Bishops about ability to honor current paving bid contract pricing / add to the 2026 contract.

Discussion was had briefly regarding Thomas Ave. Bridge, joint shifts and status on adding an asphalt ramp to correct this; TABLED to the next BOS meeting 7/29/26 as Lundy is working with Bishop Bros. to get this completed.

Discussion was had briefly regarding an inspection report deficiency letter received for Miller Road Bridge, noting one posted weight limit sign was needed (the current sign was too far away from the bridge); this was installed / corrected. Noted.

Discussion was had regarding the ranking notice from BCCD, Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance of D/G Roads Program awarding funding assistance for work on Tutelow Creek Rd (scoring “1” overall) and Orcutt Creek Rd (scoring “17” overall), highest ranking projects are allocated funds first then work down the list. Moore explained work on these roads beforehand will include culvert replacements in which the larger one will need BCCD involvement on its design; BCCD expects September as starting work on these roads. Noted.

Discussion was had briefly regarding the 2023 Case backhoe lease, noting final payment due 7/20/26 followed by release of the lien. Noted.

Discussion was had regarding options for water truck / tank and confirmed funding allocation for major equipment; TABLED until a future BOS meeting for additional time to research options.

Agenda item “mower options” was not addressed and will be added to the next meetings’ agenda.

Discussion was had briefly regarding the upgrade for Lundy’s cell phone. Per Verizon, the administrator is still listed as being a former employee – a letter of authorization is needed to replace the administrator with a current employee, once authorize the account options for upgrading can be relayed.

On motion of Heffron, seconded by Moore; motion passed to authorize Secretary Meagan Carling to be named as the new administrator on the Verizon Wireless account, drafted letter signed by Heffron.

Discussion was had regarding the open Road Foreman position, base pay and contractual information; no interest by the current Machine-Equipment Operators at this time. Noted.

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Athens Twp. Police Dept.:

Chief Thomas was in attendance to represent the department; monthly report received.

Reports:

Discussion was had regarding the reports received / reviewed.

On motion of Reagan seconded by Moore; motion passed to accept the monthly reports from Authority, Planning, Fire (2), Parks, Roads, Police, Permits & Treasurer report.

Monthly Bills:

A summary of the monthly bills was provided.

On motion of Reagan, seconded by Moore; motion passed to pay the monthly bills as presented.

Minutes:

On motion of Reagan, seconded by Heffron; motion passed to approve the Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes from 5/27/2026.

Consider / Discuss:

Discussion was had briefly regarding Audit status'. Raupers read an email from Guthrie & Co. summarizing their apology for the delay, information needed from Baker-Tilly was not received timely, and the audit is currently in the final review stages. Noted.

Discussion was had briefly revisiting the Bradford County Commissioners request to renew the lease for the District Magistrate Office on Herrick Ave, Sayre PA; the current lease expired 4/31/26. TABLED again until next BOS meeting 7/29/26; no status change from the last meeting Solicitor John Thompson to contact the Commissioner's Office again.

RESOLUTION 2026-13 allocating ACT-13 funds for paving was discussed briefly, confirming \$453,813.26 of the funds received by the Township are to be utilized for the 2026 paving project awarded to Bishop Brothers at the BOS meeting 5/27/26 bid opening.

On motion of Reagan, seconded by Moore, motion passed to adopt RESOLUTION 2026-13 as presented.

Truck #1 mentioned as part of agenda section Public Works, item #8 "water truck options".

LSA funds were allocated toward an SUV as one of the vehicles; the approved purchase for 2026 Chevrolet Blazer to replace the current Zoning Dept. vehicle was processed on 6/17/26 totaling \$37,896.48 vehicle cost plus \$495 dealer fees (Towanda Chevrolet); leaving approximately \$54,000 in LSA funds for use on another vehicle by contract deadline of June 2028. Noted.

Discussion was had regarding the old Zoning Vehicle (2013 Ford Expedition) options and upgrades to the new Zoning vehicle (2026 Chevy Blazer).

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On motion of Reagan, seconded by Moore; motion passed to advertise & post the old Zoning Vehicle for sale via Municibid auction site; TABLE discussion for upgrade features for the new Zoning vehicle until the next BOS meeting 7/29/26 to review quotes received.

Agenda item “Expand Energy oil / gas lease proposal for additional properties” was not addressed and will be added to the next meetings’ agenda.

Discussion was had regarding the Zoning Hearing Board vacancies; no letters of interest received to date. Resident Rosemary Firestine, in attendance, to inquire about details for potential interest. TABLED until next BOS meeting 7/29/26 to discuss any letters received.

Personnel / Staff – to be discussed in Executive Session as needed.

Correspondence / Information:

State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA), closeout reporting accepted. Noted.

PennDOT notes / responses to Windham TWP roadway & materials meeting 4/10/26; Kelley attended. Noted.

BC COG, 6/2026 agenda & 5/2026 meeting minutes. Noted.

LTAP Trainings: 6/25/26 – Asphalt Project Awareness (virtual) 8am-noon.

Chairwoman Heffron took the board into Executive Session at 7:18 PM,
for personnel – staff, legal – bids, contracts.

The meeting reconvened at 7:43 PM.

On motion of Heffron, seconded by Reagan; motion passed to offer an administrative position to the recent student intern for the Police Department, Karter Green; pay rate to be \$15 / hour with a start date of July 1st 2026.

There being no further business, on motion of Moore, seconded by Reagan;
it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Macen Raupers,
Athens Township Treasurer