ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
October 13, 2026 6:30PM Budget Workshop & Special Meeting

Vice Chairwoman Bonnie Petruschak called the Budget Workshop & Special Meeting to order at 6:34PM.

Supervisors also present were Matthew Moore and Paul Kelley; Tressa Heffron and Ronald Reagan were not in attendance due to scheduling conflicts. Solicitor John Thompson, Director of Public Works Tony Lundy, Treasurer Macen Raupers and Secretary Meagan Carling were also in attendance.

Lundy presented some equipment / vehicle proposals for consideration, although all are not an option for the Public Works Department in 2027, he stated any would be a benefit. Equipment presented included:

- Asphalt Zipper (est. $355,000), would need to be financed – only 1st payment for 2027
- tandem-axle dump truck / trucks (est. $186,000/unit)
- ditching bucket (est. $3,000)
- skidsteer (est. $55,000 - $100,000)
- used water truck (on auction – current bid est. $8,000)
- asphalt paver (est. $55,000 - $100,000)
- asphalt roller (est. $78,000)
- spreader box (est. $4,500 - $10,000 +)
- wheeled excavator (option to trade in tracked machine)

Lundy discussed some materials he was looking into for 2027; siting geotextile fabrics, rip-rap (4”-6” minus), 2RC (crush & run) and DSA. He also noted two projects for Tutelow Creek Rd. (DGLVR) and Round Top Rd. bridge replacement (awarded Going Greener Grant funds toward this cost in 2025).

On motion of Kelley, seconded by Petruschak; motion passed to adjourn into Executive Session.

Vice Chairwoman Petruschak took the Board into Executive Session at 6:50PM,
for personnel – staff.
The Budget Workshop reconvened at 7:05PM.

Treasurer Raupers provided handouts for the Township accounts to the BOS and provided an overview of the 2026 status and known / projected figures for many line items (both income and expenses); providing working estimates of each fund for planning moving forward. Raupers is also developing a capital reserve replacement document with suggested amounts to review at the next budget session – mainly to help with equipment / vehicle life-cycles.

No further budget items to present.

Kelley asked Raupers about a transfer of approximately $100K from the 'Liquid Fuels Fund' into the 'General Fund' and why was it done. Raupers explained when a portion of payroll is eligible to be paid from the liquid fuels fund, the amount for that portion has to be transferred into the general fund to use for this purpose - payroll is linked only to the general fund and cannot access other funds for use in paying on those eligible hours.

With no further budget items to discuss,
the Board shifted into the Special Meeting at 7:34PM.

Voice of the Residents:

Rebecca Brown / McCardle Rd. – overtime:

Brown inquired as to why the Road Crew cannot work overtime until winter / in-climate weather. Petruschak responded that they can have overtime outside of winter / in-climate weather and any suggested changes to the Union contract are discussed toward the end of the contract during the negotiation sessions between the Township and Union representatives.

Rosemary Firestine / Moore Rd. – aggregate follow-up / overtime:

Firestine inquired on any updates to her presentation on aggregates at the last BOS meeting and asked about the Road Crew being able to come in on weekends to unload materials delivered by vendors – she stated a vendor had unloaded their own truck on a weekend delivery. BOS did not have any information to provide in response at this time.

Consider / Discuss:

Discussion was had briefly regarding proposed Ordinance 2026-02.
On motion of Moore, seconded by Kelley; motion passed to adopt Ordinance 2026-02 enabling the enforcement of the weight restriction for vehicles traveling on Erin Road., becoming effective five days after this adoption.

Discussion was had regarding submitting an application for the Multimodal Grant (PennDOT). Lundy has been working on an application for the Wildwood Rd. culvert replacement which the BCCD have already designed / acquired permits for its installation. More information for costs to be provided at the next BOS meeting. Noted.

Discussion was had regarding the LSA Grant opportunity / options for submittal. Lundy expressed his interest in submitting for equipment / vehicles but is not sure on anything specific yet. Petruschak advised he bring some options to the next BOS meeting for further discussion. Noted.

Discussion was had regarding attendance to the upcoming PSATS Regional Forum in Williamsport PA. Kelley is now unable to attend. Petruschak had some schedule changes that will allow for her to attend this forum. TABLED until the next BOS meeting to ratify Petruschak's attendance; no quorum.

Discussion was had briefly regarding personnel / staff / vacancies. Machine – Equipment Operator & Administrative Assistant candidates are still being reviewed / contacted / interviewed; no letters received for other vacancies – to be further discussed in Executive Session as needed. Noted.

There being no further business, on motion of Petruschak, seconded by Kelley; it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 7:46PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meagan Carling
Athens Township Secretary