

Athens Township Authority
November 15, 2010

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dr. Patrick Musto at 6:30 p.m. Members also present were Jack Walter, Terry Cockcroft, and Robert Blauvelt.

There were no citizens to be heard.

Motion by Walter, seconded by Blauvelt to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010 as written. Motion was unanimous.

FINANCIAL

Motion by Walter, seconded by Cockcroft to approve the payment of the following bills. Motion was unanimous.

Alston Teeter	\$242.32
Amrex	\$1,764.00
Aqua Pa. Water	\$178.39
Athens Twp. Supervisors	\$60.00
Coyne Textile	\$89.36
Croft Lumber	\$27.75
Gail Parris	80.00
Gannon Associates, Inc.	\$345.00
Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce	\$50.00
Horn's True Valve	\$197.62
Line Systems, Inc.	\$332.88
Niemiec, Smith & Pellingier	\$981.00
Pa. 1 Call	\$5.10
Penelec	\$1,035.01
PennVest	\$23,687.33
Pitney Bowes	\$367.74
Quill	\$40.49
Robert Blauvelt	\$793.00
Schuylkill Mobilefone	\$360.00
Sweetland Engineering & Associates	\$4,753.00
Tioga State Bank	\$623.23
USA Bluebook	\$118.79
Valley Energy	\$54.61
Valley Joint Sewer Authority	\$1,360.00
TOTAL	\$37,546.62

Mark Lindquist didn't all the information firmed up yet for our bond refinancing. Dr. Musto stated it looks like we will be saving about \$150,000 and by doing so; we won't have to raise sewer rates when it comes time for the plant upgrade.

Motion by Walter, seconded by Blauvelt to join Co-Stars and pay any fee responsible if need be to join. Motion was unanimous.

Blauvelt presented the camera system again from Pa. Public Works Equipment Co. This is a demo system, but a new system. Purchasing it through them on a Co-Star contract, we do not have to bid it. Cost of system is \$68,181.04. Cockcroft asked what we are going to do with the camera. Blauvelt stated video lines to find the water problem we have in Greenes Landing and also start maintenance program to video our other lines since they are about 20 years. Cockcroft stated he would like to see a plan first and then camera. Pop manholes to locate problems, then rent equipment when needed. He doesn't think our employees are capable and we are armatures at what we need. He hates to see the money used on this. Walter stated he see's this as a long term investment and it would be good to have the system. Discussion followed about when we put a program together. Cockcroft asked about the Joint Authority getting the equipment and Musto stated that there would be a work force issue over there. Blauvelt said he would hope that ATA could offer the equipment to other municipalities. Blauvelt said Pa. Public Works will help with plan and also help develop a price for others. Motion was made by Walter, seconded by Dr. Musto to purchase the camera video equipment from Pa. Public Works, for \$68,181.04. Blauvelt, Walter, and Musto voted yes and Cockcroft voted no to purchase it right now. Vote was carried.

Blauvelt said a generator to run the equipment is on sale for \$199.00 at Home Depot in Ithaca, and they have five left. It's a sportsman's 2000. Motion by Walter, seconded by Musto to approve the purchase of the generator. Walter, Blauvelt, and Musto voted yes, Cockcroft voted no. Motion was carried.

Blauvelt discussed a trailer for the equipment. An open trailer is about \$1,000. Blauvelt located a closed in, by All Pro West for \$2,499 in Mechanicsburg. That is picking up price, and ATA would have to go pick it up. A close up one can give security to the equipment. Cockcroft asked where this being kept is and he stated at our pump station and Dr. Musto stated it can be kept in the garage at the treatment plant and the employees would make sure no one uses it. Motion by Walter, seconded by Blauvelt to purchase the trailer or something similar for up to \$2,499.00, picked up. Walter, Blauvelt, and Musto voted yes and Cockcroft voted no. Motion was carried.

Received a noticed from Chamber Choice insurance that the insurance we provide for our employee will raise about \$40 a month.

We received a request a permit to conduct a 3D seismic survey on our property located off the Pump Station Hill Road in Greenes Landing. Parcel is 2.32 acres and they will pay \$25.00. We will have Attorney Smith tell them with stipulations we will approve.

A quote was received from Jeff Paul regarding the repair of the pipe at the QEE pump station. Motion by Blauvelt, seconded by Walter to approve the repair for \$872 by Jeff Paul. Motion was unanimous.

Cockcroft discussed why our employee is not doing the work. Our employee was directed to get quotes as our employee can not do the work.

LEGAL

Attorney Smith sent a letter to Attorney Foster regarding the Athens Borough agreement and the changes ATA discussed.

The resolution for the sale of the QEE property was signed. Approval was given at the October meeting.

A refund of \$279 was received from the Sheriff's office for the Zimmer property sale. This will be credit to his account.

Bunt was written a letter to connect but we have not heard anything back yet. Blauvelt said he was told after the roof was installed the contractor would be connecting to sewer.

Brian Butville made a new offer. He would pay the \$1,500 that is frozen at the bank and make regular quarterly payment in full and on time and pay additional \$150 a quarter until balance is paid in full. Motion was made by Blauvelt, seconded by Walter to approve, ATA will waive late fees, if Butville turns over the \$1,500 that is frozen in bank, pays \$150 a month on top of the regular quarterly payment on time and if at any time the \$150 is not paid on time, all late fee's will be added back onto the account. Motion was unanimous.

A few of the small collection fees at the D. J.s office paid.

MAINTENANCE

Blauvelt stated the transfer switch at pump station #1 has been replaced and fixed. The CVS contractors and engineers said the problem at CVS is a maintenance situation and needs air released or a plugged line. Blauvelt will check with Teeter about what needs to figure out the reason for the problem.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dept. of Sanitation wants ATA to write a letter stating that ATA will not make the owner of Lot 36 of Hickory Heights hook onto the sewer line. Motion by Blauvelt, seconded by Walter to agree to that and write letter.

A comminator upgrade feasibility study was completed by Sweetland Engineering for pump station #1. The estimated cost would be \$83,618.00. Cockcroft asked if there is one of these he could go look at. Blauvelt said Sayre has a muffin monster installed at the hospital pump station but not this exact one.

Also, Musto spoke with Sweetland and said we would like a hydraulic one instead of electric because he spoke with Sayre Borough they prefer the hydraulic one. SEA will also be meeting with PennDot on 12/8/10 regarding the Road C sewer line.

Musto stated he received information soliciting services from Navarrow & Wright Consulting Engineers.

Motion by Cockcroft, seconded by Blauvelt to recommend to Supervisors the reappoint of Jack Walter to the ATA board. Motion was unanimous.

Blauvelt asked the Authority if they would consider moving the monthly meeting come 2011 to 5:30 P.M.

Meeting recessed into executive session at 7:55 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

Cockcroft stated he spoke with Mark Burgess and Burgess mentioned that they have noticed some grease in Longway pump station. Blauvelt will let Teeter know to check Grace's to make sure they are pumping grease tank.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Luckabee

Secretary