

Athens Township Authority
April 18, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Musto at 5:30 p.m. Members also present were Bob Blauvelt and Terry Depew.

Motion by Depew, seconded by Blauvelt to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011 minutes as written. Motion was unanimous.

FINANCIAL

The following bills were reviewed for payment. Motion by Blauvelt, seconded by Depew to approve the payment of the present bills. Motion was unanimous.

Athens Borough	\$2,107.79
Austin's Excavating	\$90.00
Coyne Textile Service	\$89.36
Gannon Associates, Inc.	\$884.00
Niemiec, Smith & Pellingier	\$818.00
Penelec	\$2,326.67
PennVest	\$23,687.33
Pitney Bowes	\$166.82
Purchase Bowes	\$800.00
Sweetland Engineering & Associates	\$7,324.00
The Morning Times	\$19.64
The UPS Store	\$16.39
Valley Energy	\$78.11
Valley Joint Sewer Authority	<u>\$400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$38,808.11

Mark Lindquist, Stevens & Lee, presented proposals for bond refinancing from C & N Bank and 1st Citizens National Bank. Mark explained all scenarios are received. Discussion followed. Mark's recommendation is 1st Citizens National Bank with a maximum yield of 3.4833% over a 20 year period. Motion by Musto, seconded by Blauvelt to accept the offer from 1st Citizens National Bank as presented by Mark Lindquist. Motion was carried with Depew abstaining, due to being an employee of bidding agent with C & N Bank. Motion was then made by Musto, seconded by Blauvelt to accept the resolution to accept the commitment letter and authorizes and directs the appropriate officers to execute and to take any and all action which may be necessary, on behalf of ATA, for approval and acceptance and to issue the bond. Motion was carried with Depew abstaining, due to being an employee of the bidding agent with C & N Bank.

LEGAL

Dr. Musto stated that the board met with Athens Borough regarding the Borough/ATA agreement and worked everything out between the two. He stated that Athens Borough was going to forward the information to their attorney to write agreement, Athens Borough will review it and forward to ATA for review and approval. Smith stated a letter was written to delinquent account Butville stating he had to pay \$150 a month, plus the quarterly fee billed each quarter. ATA did receive the quarterly bill payment also this month.

Bunt still has not connected to the sewer. Smith is going to check to see when the Sheriff's sale is scheduled and write Bunt telling him will proceed with the sale if he isn't connected by that date. Smith asked if Teeter signed the final hold harmless agreement, and he has not. Huckabee stated she spoke with him and he stated he has not been advised to sign it yet.

ENGINEER REPORT

Dave Sweetland presented a draft of the plan for installation of the muffin monster. Discussion followed how the monster would be placed in well. He also stated he looked at King Lane regarding possible water problem with the manholes in the ditch – but the manholes have water tight lids all ready and a couple need to be screwed down.

The review for Chesapeake was completed and SEA stated they just need to change the wording of the lids to water tight on the details. Motion by Blauvelt, seconded by Depew, to approve the plan after they resubmit with the detail changed as directed. Motion was unanimous. Dave Young asked if we would adopt the resolution for the module 3 now. Huckabee stated they do not have the module 3 paperwork. It was never left with us. Young will get us the paperwork.

We received a small plan of Dandy Mini Mart regarding their expansion. Larsen Design submitted the pdf file to ATA and stated there would not be any change in water use, that the expansion will only service the current customers better. Discussion followed and we will need current EDU count and what will be designed with expansion. Also, ATA thought Dandy was connected to sewer, but found out Friday they were not. They connected a dry line to the force main and never connected the building to the pump.

MAINTENANCE

Dr. Musto stated he wrote a contract for Bob Blauvelt for full time employment but must have forgotten it. He stated he would forward it to the board for review for next meeting. Blauvelt showed ATA a sample of a new electric cord holder that Joe Rosati says we should use for the pumps at the stations. Blauvelt also stated the new pump is back at the Valley Joint Plant for storage, like it is suppose to be stored until we may need it. Blauvelt reported he went checking manholes down in Tioga Estates and Hickory Heights and found some manholes that the Township plows hit. On Friday he received a call from road crew foreman showing him that they fixed 2 in Tioga Estates and Blauvelt told them about 3 more in Hickory Heights and 2 in Queen Esther Estates that they hit also. Blauvelt stated he met with Bill Cotton and Athens Borough workers regarding the smoke testing. He stated he has the door hanger notification that he will take and get copies made for ATA that we will use to notify the residences when we are going to smoke test. Blauvelt said it has to be dry to do so. Blauvelt stated there was a high level alarm at #6 pump station throughout the night Saturday into Sunday due to the rain. He stated he kept checking it and also Queen Esther Estates. ATA received a call today from DEP saying they had received a complaint that sewage has flooded over the pump station. Huckabee directed the DEP to Blauvelt. Blauvelt stated they met and reviewed the site at QEE and saw no evidence of a spill. Huckabee stated that before the office closed, they also received a call from Daily Review saying they got a "tip" of a sewage problem in Queen Esther Estates. Huckabee stated for them to contact DEP regarding their findings. DEP wrote up his report stating there were no findings, but did state the complained stated he had pictures. Musto stated maybe we better smoke test QEE lines before Greenes Landing, especially since those manhole were found and repaired, our water problem might not be as bad now there.

Blauvelt stated the problem at Industrial Park Road pump station is a synchronizer is bad. Joe Rosati was called down and they could not pull pump, so they will schedule something next week to have a backhoe available to pull it. In the meantime, Blauvelt stated he turned off the 2nd pump that continues to road, which will help with the high electric bill. He stated the synchronizer stops the hourly pump meter from running.

A resident located on Pennsylvania Ave has 2 homes on 1 property and wants to disconnect the front property. He stated and showed a copy of an ordinance from the Township dated in 1996 that stated no assessed fees will be charged if not used. ATA adopted their rules and regulation in 2007 which states different. He showed ATA a survey map and ATA told him how to disconnect the front unit and cap it. He was told to obtain a disconnect permit which is \$40 and let us know when this would be ready for inspection.

OTHER BUSINESS

Huckabee stated she received a call from Bill Cotton stating that he had permission to connect another 2 EDU's at his property located on Industrial Parkway. Huckabee told Cotton that she would speak with ATA board members to see what they approved. ATA stated they told Cotton to contact Huckabee and get letter of approval from Athens Borough saying they will authorized the additional EDU;s through their system. Cotton will be allowed to connect the existing building, which he will be divided into 2 and connect the new part to the sewer. For the new building he will have to go through Athens Township Planning and also submit to ATA following our Rules & Regulations.

Dr. Musto stated that a couple of the board members from the Valley Joint Sewer Authority suggested that VJSA buy the video camera off of ATA, and they would lease it out to other municipalities like they do with the rotter truck.

Huckabee asked if the generator for the video camera was picked up yet and Blauvelt stated no because with the Valley Authority talking about buying they have a generator so it is not needed. Huckabee asked if the locks that Blauvelt ordered last summer has been picked up at Myers Locksmith and Blauvelt stated no he found 3 locks, Huckabee stated so you are not going to pick up the locks you ordered and Blauvelt stated he would. Huckabee asked the status of the purchase of the gas meter that was approved to buy last October and Blauvelt said they have to find one, they spoke with Athens Borough and Athens Borough doesn't like theirs so they are going to get one that they both like. Huckabee asked where the copies were of the As-Built drawings that were supposed to be turned into the office a few months ago. Blauvelt said he has to take them to get copies made. Huckabee stated you said you were doing that last month, Blauvelt said he contacted the engineer for Nomac and is trying to get as built for them also. Huckabee stated to give her the as built and she will get the copies made and return a copy to Blauvelt, so it will get done. Pump Station #6 leaks, and Blauvelt stated last month he had 2 companies he would contact, Huckabee wanted to know if they were contacted and Blauvelt stated that SEA will be looking into what to do.

Motion by Blauvelt, seconded by Depew to adjourn meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valorie L. Huckabee

Secretary