

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

May 12, 2011 12:00 Noon

Chairman Ronald Reagan called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. Supervisors also present were Jack Walter, Maurice Fay, Cheryl Wood-Walter and Robin Smith.

Voice of the Residents: None

Terry Depew of Citizens and Northern Bank was present to have us sign the corrected paperwork for our \$500,000 capital loan. Since the loan paperwork submitted did not allow for the 2-year line of credit, but instead for us to draw the entire amount and begin payments back right away, we needed to correct the paperwork. It was not our intention to draw the entire amount, but because of time restraints that is the most viable option. We will open a separate account for this money and put our reimbursements back into the account, from which we will be able to operate an in-house line of credit. The funds will be used for capital items only. On motion of Robin, second by Ron, it was unanimous to borrow the entire \$500,000 immediately, place it in a new account, and begin the monthly payments to the bank from General Fund, with the option of repayment from the capital loan fund if approved by the Board; to pay the Road C Right-of-Way acquisition fees and the condemnation fees as soon as they are calculated by Attorney Thompson; and to require a motion of the Board to remove funds from this account. Terry Depew will bring a check this afternoon.

On motion of Maurice, second by Jack, it passed to hire Bob Birks to replace Jim Watson in the Public Works Department at a rate of \$12.50/hour, contingent upon passing the background check and drug/alcohol screening; get his CDL-A license within 3 months from his date of hire, and receive all benefits afforded by the collective bargaining unit. All voted in favor except for Ron, because he is not in favor of filling the position.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve the closure of Pennsylvania Avenue on June 15, 2011 from 5 – 9 PM for graduation. Robin will advise Larry and Ray.

On motion of Robin, second by Ron, it was unanimous to sign the application for our 2012-2016 Bridge Inspection Program through Bradford County.

Discussion was held on the seat belt grant. This will only cover overtime salary and will not cover any employer expenses such as FICA, medicare, unemployment, pension, etc. Robin said the grants that don't cover the employer expenses are one of the things that puts us behind financially because we are unable to budget for this overtime. On motion of Jack, second by Maurice, it passed, with Ron voting in favor, to execute the grant application. Cheryl and Robin voted no.

The date of June 23, 2011 at 6:30 PM was set for the Rivers Edge Zoning Map Amendment Hearing. Robin will prepare the legal notice & John will get a stenographer.

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Ron informed the Board that the Thomas Avenue bridge consultant selection committee met last week and had reviewed all the Statements of Interest. We received 15 altogether, but two had not followed directions and were disqualified. Robin typed up the results and gave them to the Board. Discussion was held. On motion of Ron, second by Robin, it was unanimous to recommend Borton-Lawson to PENNDOT as the design engineer and CECO Engineering as the construction inspection engineer. Robin will forward the information to Rob Renn at PENNDOT.

PENNDOT will be conducting manual traffic counts on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 220/Wolcott Hollow Road and 220/199 from 7 AM to 11 AM and again from 2 PM to 6 PM. This is to record turning movements and check delays at these intersections.

Robin told the Board Elaine had taken her lunch hour to go to a viewing for her cousin at Lowery's – we do not have bereavement time for 'cousins'. The Board approves the bereavement time for Elaine separate from her lunch hour.

Robin advised the Board that we are unable to sell the Hummer – we would have to return it to Harrisburg. Larry chooses to keep it. On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to have Robin advertise the Tahoe we just replaced for public bidding.

Ray asks permission to bid cement blocks again this year. On motion of Ron, second by Maurice, it was unanimous to bid out the blocks.

Chairman Reagan took the Board into executive session at 12:36 PM for pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 12:52 PM.

On motion of Robin, second by Ron, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 12:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith  
Secretary