

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

July 6, 2011 6:30 PM

Vice Chairman Maurice Fay called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM in the absence of Chairman Ron Reagan. Supervisors also present were Robin Smith, Cheryl Wood-Walter and Jack Walter. Attorney Thompson was also present.

It was decided to wait for Chairman Reagan to arrive before starting the hearing. At this time we reviewed the Fine Line Homes Land Development on Route 220 that had been tabled until this date because of the number of deficiencies. All deficiencies have now been met, with the exception of an approved HOP permit, and a waiver for sidewalks. As there are no sidewalks in the Greens Landing area, and Route 220 is such a highly traveled road, on motion of Robin, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to grant the waiver for the sidewalk installation. With no further discussion, on motion of Jack, second by Robin, it was unanimous to grant preliminary plan approval ONLY to the Fine Line Homes Land Development contingent upon the receipt of the approved HOP permit from PENNDOT.

Robin presented the first invoice for the backhoe. We were to pay for this in 5 annual installments, but we since had decided to pay off the backhoe with the proceeds of our \$500,000 loan. On motion of Jack, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to pay the backhoe off in full with the funds from the loan.

Robin received another utility relocation agreement for Road C for Tri County Rural Electric. On motion of Robin, second by Jack, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute this agreement to be included in the Road C funds in the amount of \$16,123.14.

Ron Reagan arrived at 6:37 PM. Vice Chairman Fay turned the meeting over to Chairman Reagan, who then turned the meeting over to Attorney Thompson to conduct the Todd and Gemma Campbell Water Withdrawal Facility Conditional Use hearing. John explained that they are looking to place a water withdrawal facility on the old Cohen junkyard property off Front Street and Sheshequin Road, and explained the hearing process. John introduced the Board and proceeded with the hearing. Testimony was taken by stenographer Linda Wettlaufer.

Chairman Reagan took the Board into executive session at 8:07 PM for deliberation. The hearing reconvened at 8:15 PM. On motion of Jack, second by Maurice, it was unanimous to deny this application for a Conditional Use. Attorney Thompson called for a roll call vote, which was as follows (with "yes" being deny, and "no" being approve): Mr. Walter – yes; Mr. Fay – yes; Mrs. Wood-Walter – yes; Mr. Reagan – yes; Mrs. Smith – yes. Attorney Thompson explained that there were certain criteria that needed to be met, and the evidence presented here tonight left us with far more questions that were unanswered. The hearing adjourned at 8:17 PM and the meeting reconvened.

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Robin advised the Board that a meeting has been scheduled with Bradford County Conservation District at the JC Christiansen property on Round Top Road at 2:30 PM on July 11, 2011. The Board is invited to attend. She has also contacted the Christiansens.

On motion of Ron, second by Maurice, it was unanimous to have Robin advertise for a temporary cleaning person to clean at times when our regular person is off.

Robin reported that she sent an e-mail to our neighboring municipalities concerning the landlord/tenant ordinance, requesting samples and input on their experiences with it. The only response so far has been from Athens Borough, who said they have looked at doing an ordinance, but decided it would be too much of a burden to keep track of the landlords.

Bill Cotton asked the Board if there was anything that could be done about the curve on Gateway Industrial Park Road, to help delineate the driving lanes and keep the road edges from crumbling. Jack said he would take a look at it.

Chairman Reagan took the board into executive session at 8:30 PM for pending litigation. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:37 PM.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by Robin, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith  
Secretary