

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
January 19, 2016 3 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 3 PM. Supervisors also present were Ronald Reagan, Susan Seck, Christine Vough and George Ballenstedt. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance.

Voice of the Residents: None

Robin advised the Board that we received the 2016 Room Tax Grant that she applied for to purchase new directional signs to Round Top Park in the amount of \$663.00. On motion of Ron, second by George, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the contract for this grant.

On motion of Ron, second by Christine, it was unanimous to approve, sign and execute the Deed of Dedication for 'Road B' in the Valley Business Park. Robin will send the Deed to Chesapeake's attorney for their signatures and have them record the deed with the as-build maps.

Alan Keller, Justin Batiuk, and Chris Neidig of PennDOT were here to update us on the Route 220/199 traffic project in Greene's Landing. Intersection #1 – Route 220/Wolcott Hollow/Owasco Roads - will be signalized. There will be a signalized left turn lane onto Wolcott Hollow from 220 northbound. There will be a dedicated turning lane southbound from 220 onto Wolcott Hollow.

Intersection #2 – Routes 220/199 – will have a dedicated, channelized right turn lane heading north. It will be offset 8 feet to the east to allow better sight distance for those turning from 199 onto 220. Alan said this will include a concrete barrier so people can't "change their minds" and pull back out into mainstream traffic. He also said they did consider a roundabout but that would require a lot of lighting that would have to be maintained by the township, and they think this offset lane will work best.

Ron asked if the speed limit will be changed at all. Alan said it may be changed. Chris Neidig said they intend to let the project in May, and activity should start around mid-June. It takes about 6 months to get the signal equipment and that will probably come in the fall. They may not be able to install that until the spring. Intersection #2 will be done first. They are currently talking to the Dandy on how to get their trucks in and out and will have curbing to define the ingress and egress. Alan said when the intersections become more efficient, that will help the traffic flow. They are also looking at making pedestrian and handicap accessible curbs/crosswalks at the signal from the trailer park to the Dandy and across 220.

George asked if Wolcott Hollow will still be 2-lane and Alan said it would. Alan asked if there has been a decrease in the gas traffic. Cheryl said traffic is still bad in the morning with the school traffic. It is also heavier at other times. Ron asked when the Sheshequin Road project will be done and the paper said June.

Cheryl asked how traffic will be handled during construction. Chris said traffic will be shifting, but their plans are not finalized yet. Ron asked if there will be signs to warn people that this will be

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ahead and Alan said they will have advance warning signs. He added that they will have 2 street lights at Intersection #1, and the signal will be maintained by the township.

Susan said the grate at the northwest corner of Intersection #1 is a real problem. People sometimes come to a complete stop because of that grate. Chris said they will be taking care of that – and they'll have drainage there. Christine asked where the pedestrians would cross and it will be right at the signal. She also asked about curbing and whether or not people walking down from McCloe's with children and strollers will still be able to access the Dandy from the west. They will still have access.

Jo Ann Daly asked if there will be any changes where 220 southbound goes from two lanes to one lane. Alan said they may lengthen the merge area by 500 feet or so.

The 10-ton weight limit was discussed on Mile Lane Road. Alan said they can be considered 'local' only if they have a bill of lading for a delivery on Mile Lane Road. Susan said she had been working with Steve Mutchler on this problem and he has offered a few suggestions. Cheryl thanked PennDOT for coming.

Cheryl took the Board into executive session at 4:05 PM for pending litigation and real estate. The meeting reconvened at 4:54 PM.

On motion of Susan, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to fix the mower not to exceed \$2,500.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by Christine, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith
Secretary