

## ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

November 17, 2010 7:00 PM

Chairman Ronald Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Supervisors also present were Robin Smith, Maurice Fay, Cheryl Wood-Walter and Jack Walter. Attorney John Thompson was also present.

Chairman Reagan took the Board in to executive session at 7:04 PM for deliberation on the Chesapeake Appalachia Barrett Water Withdrawal Conditional Use Amendment. The hearing reconvened at 7:27 PM. John Thompson stated that we were acting on the two changes that were requested: 1) that lighting be installed on-site for safety, and 2) the hours of operation be extended from 7 AM – 7 PM to 24-hours a day. On motion of Robin, second by Ron, it passed to extend the hours of operation by four hours (7 AM to 11 PM); to require chain link fencing with slats along Route 199 to shield the homes from light and noise; and to approve the low height, motion-sensor and manual lighting as submitted. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Walter – No, Mr. Fay – No, Mrs. Walter – Yes, Mr. Reagan – Yes, and Mrs. Smith – Yes.

Dan Lopata of Chesapeake Energy asked if the lighting will only be allowed through 11 PM, or will the lights be able to be left on from 11 PM to 7 AM. Pat Homan of Route 199 said the lighting proposed was to be motion-activated on the truck islands, with a manual switch on the electric panel. The Board felt that this is not an issue since there will be no one on the site to activate the lighting, either by motion or manually. Dan also thanked the Board for the 4-hour extension.

Josh Brown asked when they can expect a decision letter. John Thompson said it is required within 45 days, but he expects to have it done much sooner.

Voice of the Residents: None

On motion of Jack, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve the minutes of October 27, November 9 and November 10, 2010. Maurice abstained from the November 9<sup>th</sup> minutes as he had to leave the meeting early and Cheryl abstained from the November 10<sup>th</sup> minutes because she was unable to attend.

Scot Saggiomo presented the Thomas/Judith Leahy 1-lot subdivision on Mile Lane and McCardle Roads for review and approval. There were 5 deficiencies, and all have been met at this time. Chairman Reagan recessed the regular meeting at 7:40 PM to hold a public hearing on this issue. There being no adverse comment, the regular meeting reconvened at 7:41 PM. On motion of Jack, second by Maurice, it was unanimous to grant preliminary and final plan approval to this subdivision, and to approve the sewage module.

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Ron presented some minor proposed changes to the Robinson water withdrawal land development on Front Street in East Athens. They have removed the storage tanks completely and have added pumps. There were some changes to the electrical profile and the hydrants were moved for easier truck access. They are proposing a circular drive and this new configuration will accommodate the longer trucks. Ron said these changes have been approved by DEP – they didn't have any problems with it. On motion of Cheryl, second by Jack, it was unanimous to approve these changes to the land development.

Robin presented the sewage module for the Ervin property on Macafee Road. The questions we had previously have been addressed. On motion of Ron, second by Jack, it passed to approve the sewage module. Maurice voted no.

Dan Stark told the Board that a Boy Scout was in attendance for one of his badges. The Board welcomed Altan Frantz from Troop 17.

There was no Parks and Recreation report as their board had not met this month.

Bob Blauvelt reported for the Athens Township Authority (ATA). He said a feasibility study was being done for Pump Stations 1 and 6 for a "muffin monster". On motion of Maurice, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to reappoint Jack Walter to ATA for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

Ray Brobst advised the Board that they did their 250-hour service on the backhoe today. He also ordered 2 spare tires – we had the rims. Brown Road is being done Monday. He has also done the One-Call for Westbrook and Hillcrest. Maurice asked what the status was of Bradley Road. Ray said it's all graveled and is good now. Truck 7 is back and has been repaired. He needs to order tires for some of the trucks soon. Maurice asked Ray to clean up the remaining stone on Lubin's property at the corner of Mile Lane and Wilawana Roads. Ray said they have also repaired Truck 2 – that was just a fuel sensor. Maurice asked what the plan is for Westbrook Street. Ray has talked to the utilities and some of the residents. Robin reminded him about the Managing Winter Roads class that they all will be attending here tomorrow night.

On motion of Robin, second by Maurice, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2010-11 regarding political signs on township properties.

Robin had prepared the resolution for the acquisition of right-of-way (ROW) for the Road C project. Discussion was held. John asked if this gives PENNDOT permission to go above and beyond the \$300,000 that is allotted for this purpose. Robin said the limit of \$300,000 is set in the funding contract budget. On motion of Ron, second by Jack, it

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was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2010-12 regarding the purchase of ROW for the Road C project. Robin said Tom Hall had dropped off the ROW maps and wanted them to be recorded right away. She was concerned because all of the property has not been acquired yet. John will call Tom to clarify that.

We were unable to take action on the driveway ordinance since John had it on his calendar to advertise for our December meeting, not the November meeting.

On motion of Ron, second by Jack, it was unanimous to adopt RESOLUTION 2010-13 to renew our Surplus Property agreement.

On motion of Jack, second by Ron, it was unanimous to have Ruth cut the checks for the Road C NPDES permit fee (\$500) and the Bradford County Conservation District review fee (\$939).

Robin received a letter from Time Warner requesting us to approve the receipt of information and notices from them electronically. She would prefer this method as well. On motion of Ron, second by Maurice, it was unanimous to approve this request.

On motion of Cheryl, second by Maurice, it was unanimous to set the Employee Christmas luncheon for December 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon.

On motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to set our meeting dates for 2011 as the last Wednesday of every month at 7 PM.

Ron read the monthly report totals. On motion of Cheryl, second by Maurice, it was unanimous to accept the monthly reports as presented.

On motion of Jack, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to approve the monthly bills as presented. A complete listing of revenues and expenditures is on file in the office of the Treasurer.

Correspondence/Information was as listed in the meeting agenda.

Budget discussion was next. Ron said he sat with Ruthie to discuss some of the remaining issues we have with our budget. Ruth reminded him that we have an employee retiring in April. We will have to pay him for his unused vacation and sick days. This will be an expense we have not included in the budget. As it is now, we are looking at a 1-mill tax hike. We will also be transferring money from Capital Purchases to General Fund to help balance the budget. We also decided to shift \$30,000 from the "tar and chip" line item expenditure to the "equipment repair" line because our repairs are already

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over \$30,000 for this year. Robin said with the \$8900 roller repair and the repair to Truck 7, we are probably closer to \$45,000 in repairs for the year – to date. We also are not giving any raises to any of the employees for 2011 because our budget is so bad. On motion of Ron, second by Maurice, it was unanimous to advertise the budget for inspection and for adoption at our December 29, 2010 meeting.

John Wilkinson asked when we would be transferring the metal building from the Bob's Honda property to the fire company. Robin said the fire company only got the pavilion – not the building – and that has already been moved.

Chairman Reagan took the Board into executive session at 8:32 PM for pending litigation and personnel issues. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 PM.

On motion of Robin, second by Jack, it was unanimous to have Attorney Thompson remove (from our drug/alcohol testing and background check policy) the requirement for minors to be tested and checked.

On motion of Jack, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to have Ray, Randy and Mike attend the Flagger Training class in Dushore on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 4 PM, and to get the necessary paperwork and proper equipment for this class.

There being no further business, on motion of Ron, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith  
Secretary

