PUBLIC AGENDA
May 09, 2022
TIME: 7:00PM

a. Call the meeting to order at 7:00PM

A. PRESIDENT RILEY ANNOUNCES: This meeting is being tape recorded to assist the Borough Secretary in the preparation of the Minutes. When approved by Council the tapes will be reused and not preserved. If you have a recording device, please announce so at this time.

B. Public Session – if any

To the members of the public - if you participate in this meeting please state your name and address before speaking to Council.

A.

PRESIDENT RILEY

1. May 2022 Bills:
   General Fund **$35,628.96**
   Sewer Fund **$87,891.33**
   Fire Fund $768.46 payment #27
   Fire Fund $15,000.00 – FD State Grant
   ROLL CALL VOTE

2. APPROVE MINUTES – April 11, 2022

3. Discussion – Valley Energy gas rates

4. Accept Resignation – Regina Allen, Planning and Zoning Commission

5. Accept Appointment – Matt Patton, Planning and Zoning Commission

6. Discussion – Cannabis Legalization Resolution per PSAB

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF _____, _____ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGALIZATION OF THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY AND EXPUNGEMENT FOR PREVIOUS SUCH OFFENSES IN PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-___

WHEREAS;

The history of cannabis in the United States, along with the numerous compounds and chemicals contained within the whole plant, were used safely for centuries throughout the world, is well documented until its banning in the 1930s, heavily and nefariously influenced by U.S. industrial lobbyists of the 20th Century, by the passage of laws non-representative of the national consensus of that time, and;

The United States Government has been funding research in Israel for over 40 years, and has spent millions of tax-payer dollars on said research, which has proven that the compounds and chemicals in whole plant cannabis have many beneficial qualities in combatting a large number of ailments and illnesses within the human body, to include the documented destroying of cancer cells, and other subsequent studies have shown these compounds to be beneficial for a wide range of diseases and ailments, and;

Thirty-one states, the District of Columbia, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands have either legalized or decriminalized the adult use of cannabis through enacted laws to allow for safe access to cannabis products, including legal markets in a majority of Pennsylvania's neighboring states, increasing the likelihood of interstate purchasing of products which will decrease the amount of revenue available for retention within the state, and;

Last year, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act of 2021, and the prevailing consensus among those polled in Muhlenberg College's annual public health poll show that six out of ten adult Pennsylvanians are in favor of full legalization in Pennsylvania;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Councilors of the Borough of _____ hereby petition the Representatives duly elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate to support the passage of legislation to end the prohibition unduly imposed on the use of the Cannabis plant and its applications for adults within the borders of the state of Pennsylvania. Be it also resolved that they support the expungement of all criminal charges and judgments associated with previous cannabis enforcement.

7. Athens Borough Flag

8. DOES COUNCIL WISH TO HAVE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTER THE MEETING?

VICE-PRESIDENT MOLNAR – POLICE COMMITTEE

1. Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on May 03, 2022.

Monthly Report

Month of April		Total for the Year
131	Total Number of Calls:	497
0	Felony Arrests:	1
0	Misdemeanor Arrests:	5
1	Non-Traffic Arrests:	4
3	Traffic Citations:	9
1160	Traffic Reports:	35
0	Parking Warnings:	11
0	Parking Tickets:	13
	Mileage	
97	2013 Tahoe	106,199 Overall
1,210	2017 Tahoe	63,062 Overall
751	2019 Tahoe	29,848 Overall
	District Court:	
18	Total Cases:	34
1	Criminal Cases:	6
2	Traffic Cases:	4
0	Non-traffic Cases:	3
0	PFA Violations	15

PRESIDENT PRO TEM SPORN – COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. The Shade Tree Committee met on April 18, 2022. Their next meeting is May 16, 2022 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

2. Hometown Hero Banners

3. Municipal Parking Lot

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS – PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

1.Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on May 05, 2022.

2. PWD Equipment Purchase – dump box and spreaders for 2002 Freightliner Truck

3. PWD Hiring Process – Class B Operator

COUNCIL MEMBER POLZELLA – CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

1. Zoning Officer's report was made available to Council on May 02, 2022.

Zoning Permits Issued: 12
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 12

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2022): 74

Contractor Permits through 04/11/2022:

Issued: 40 Pending: 18 Void: 0

2. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on May 11, 2022 at 6:00PM.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHAYKOSKY - PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

1. Painting of a Mural

COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH – FIRE COMMITTEE

1. The Fire Department's monthly report was made available to Council on May 05, 2022.

MAYOR

1. Police Negotiations begin on May 10, 2022.

2. GVCC Triathlon – scheduled in September 2022

3. Arbor Day - Mayor presented a Proclamation at Lynch-Bustin Elementary on April 29, 2022.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.
Now, Therefore, I, Francis Roupp III, Mayor of the Borough of Athens, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2022 as ARBOR DAY in the Borough of Athens and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

SOLICITOR

1. Solicitor's report was made available to Council on May 09, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if scheduled.)

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