MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on April 10, 2023 Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: President Scott Riley, Vice-President Scott Molnar, President Pro Tem Sharon Sporn, Council members Walter Chaykosky, Joanne Polzella, Anthony Smith(entered the meeting at 7:21PM), Robert Williams and Mayor Francis Roupp III(teleconference).

President Riley led in the Salute to the Flag.

President Riley called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

President Riley stated that 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 devise please announce so at this time.

PRESS

No one present.

PUBLIC

No one present.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Sporn that the April 2023 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$60,779.66**
Sewer Fund **$29,667.64**
Fire Fund **$692.63** – Loan Payment #38

AYES: Chaykosky, Molnar, Polzella, Sporn, Williams, Riley
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Smith
Motion carried

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It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Molnar that the minutes of the regular meeting on March 13, 2023 be approved as written. Motion carried.

DRAFT FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Council held a brief discussion on the draft Fireworks Ordinance that was created by the Valley Fireworks Committee. Council has requested that Chief Hutchinson research the PA Crimes Code and the current Athens Borough Ordinance in regards to enforcement of fireworks. Council also requested the Borough Manager contact Sayre Borough and ask their thoughts on the draft fireworks ordinance.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESIGNATION

It was moved by Polzella and seconded by Molnar that the resignation request of David Whipple, 707 Dogwood Avenue as a Planning and Zoning Commission Board Member effective April 10, 2023 be accepted. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Polzella to appoint Jeff Gallick, 609 Wells Avenue as a Planning Commission Board Member. The term ends on December 31, 2023. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was called.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Vice-President Molnar stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on April 06, 2023.

Monthly Report		
Month of March		Total for the Year
142	Total Number of Calls:	450
0	Felony Arrests:	2
0	Misdemeanor Arrests:	4
1	Non-Traffic Arrests:	3
0	Traffic Citations:	0
9	Traffic Reports:	36
8	Truancy Reports:	29
0	Parking Warnings:	0
0	PFA Violations	4
0	Parking Tickets:	0

	Mileage:	
80	2013 Tahoe	107,222 Overall
962	2017 Tahoe	78,158 Overall
671	2019 Tahoe	39,154 Overall
	District Court:	
9	Total Cases:	40
1	Criminal Cases:	3
0	Traffic Cases:	6
0	Non-traffic Cases:	2

BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the Athens Borough Police Department Body Worn Camera Policy be adopted. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Pro Tem Sporn stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on March 15, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

The Shade Tree Commission with the help of the Public Works Department will be planting trees on April 17th and April 18th.

The Shade Tree Commission will be participating in an Arbor Day event at Lynch Bustin Elementary on April 28, 2023.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council member Williams stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on April 01, 2023.

2023 PAVING PROJECT

The Secretary-Treasurer opened and read the bids at 3:00PM on April 06, 2023 for the 2023 Paving Project consisting of approximately 6,869 SY of roadway surface milling, furnish and place approximately 1,237 tons of fine graded 19mm asphalt binder course for Fourth Street from Laurel Avenue to W Pine Street, Laurel Avenue and Volunteer Way.

BIDS FOR LETTING OF
April 06, 2023 @ 3:00PM
2023 Milling and Paving Project

	NAME OF BIDDER	AMOUNT
1.	Bishop Brothers Construction 1376 Leisure Drive Towanda PA 18848	$175,910.20
2.	Glenn O. Hawbaker 2801 Canfield Lane Montoursville PA 17754	$163,156.00
3.	Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co 2105 South Broadway Pine City NY 14871	$143,770.00

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Smith that the bid received from Dalrymple Gravel and Contracting in the amount of $143,770.00 for the 2023 Paving Project be accepted. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on April 04, 2023.

Zoning Permits Issued: 2
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 2

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2023): 14

Contractor Permits through 04/01/2023:

Issued: 32 Pending: 10 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Committee held a public workshop on March 22, 2023 at 6:00PM and will hold a public workshop on February 22, 2023 at 6:00PM to discuss the survey that will be mailed on in regards to the comprehensive plan update.

Their next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 12, 2023 at 6:00PM.

The Comprehensive Plan survey will be mailed out at the end of April and the next workshop is scheduled for June 14, 2023.

PURCHASE OF A CODE VEHICLE

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Sporn that the Borough Manager purchase a new 2022 Chevrolet Colorado from Blaise Alexander Chevrolet in the amount of $28,294.47, Vendor ID # 178430, Costars Contract # 025-E22-479 to be used as the Coded Enforcement Vehicle. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council member Chaykosky stated:

PARKING ISSUES AT ATHENS PARK

Council held a brief discussion of the parking issues at the Athens Park / Playland Drive.

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Molnar that Playland Drive be changed to No Parking on both sides. It was also requested that the Borough Manager research the potential for more parking spaces in the existing parking lot and to obtain quotes to extend parking. Motion carried.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department’s monthly report for March was made available to Council on April 10, 2023.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on April 10, 2023.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary