MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on April 11, 2022 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, Robert Williams and Mayor Francis Roupp III.

Mayor Roupp 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

The Sayre Morning Time announced they were recording the meeting.

PUBLIC

No one present wished to address Council.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Sporn that the April 2022 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$46,212.58**
Sewer Fund **$5,139.28**
Fire Fund **$794.07** – Loan Payment #26

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

MINUTES

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Williams that the minutes of the regular meeting on March 14, 2022 be approved as written. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Williams and seconded by Smith that the minutes of the special meeting on March 29, 2022 be approved as written. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No one called for an Executive Session.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Vice-President Molnar stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on April 06, 2022.

Month of March	Monthly Report	Total for the Year
125	Total Number of Calls:	366
1	Felony Arrests:	1
1	Misdemeanor Arrests:	5
0	Non-Traffic Arrests:	3
4	Traffic Citations:	6
10	Traffic Reports:	19
0	Parking Warnings:	11
0	Parking Tickets:	3
	Mileage	
158	2013 Tahoe	106,102 Overall
1,178	2017 Tahoe	63,852 Overall
911	2019 Tahoe	29,097 Overall

District Court:

6	Total Cases:	16
2	Criminal Cases:	53
4	Traffic Cases:	4
0	Non-traffic Cases:	4
3	PFA Violations	3

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Pro Tem Sporn stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on March 21, 2022 at 6:00PM in town to prune trees. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2022 at 5:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Vice-President Molnar stated that Arbor Day is on April 29, 2022.

GUTHRIE GALLOP

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Smith that the Guthrie Gallop 5K/10K Race scheduled at 8:00AM on May 14, 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT – CENTRAL AVENUE

Council held another brief discussion regarding the use of the Municipal Parking Lot off Central Avenue. The majority of Council requested this be tabled until more information on the history of the parking lot is presented.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council member Williams stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on April 07, 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – COMPLETION OF PROBTION

Andrea Perry has successfully completed the six month probationary period as the Borough's Administrative Assistant on March 27, 2022.

2022 PAVING BID

The Secretary-Treasurer opened and read bids for the 2022 Paving Project on April 11, 2022 at 3:00PM.

BIDS FOR LETTING OF
April 14, 2022 @ 3:00PM
2022 Milling and Paving Project

	NAME OF BIDDER	AMOUNT
1.	Glenn O Hawbaker 29293 Route 220 Milan PA 18831	Base: $117,513.00 Alternate: $14,727.90
2.	Bishop Brothers Construction 1376 Leisure Drive Towanda PA 18848	Base: $144,466.20 Alternate: $19,509.80
3.	Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting 2105 South Broadway Pine City NY 14871	Base: $130,876.50 Alternate: $16,296.00
4.	FAHS Construction 2224Pierce Creek Rd. Binghamton NY. 13903	Base: $162,564.73 Alternate: $30,879.58

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the 2022 Paving Base Bid be awarded to Glenn O Hawbaker in the amount of $117,513.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the 2022 Paving Alternate Bid be awarded to Glenn O Hawbaker in the amount of $14,727.90. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on April 01, 2022.

Zoning Permits Issued: 11
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 11

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2022): 70

Contractor Permits through 04/11/2022:

Issued: 40 Pending: 4 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Committee will meet on April 18, 2022 at 6:15PM to participate in an online training webinar: Building a Strong Planning Commission.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

BASKETBALL COURT

The Borough Manager discussed that he had been contacted by Mariah Johnston who wishes to paint a Mural on the wall at the basketball court. Council requested that the Borough Manager be provided with a sketch of the mural in order to make a decision to allow Ms. Johnston's wish.

ATHENS BOROUGH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Council held a brief discussion regarding the request made by the Athens Borough Business Association to utilize the Athens Park field adjacent to the former Rec Center to host a Farmers Market twice a month throughout the summer months. The Borough Manager was requested to obtain more information.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for December was made available to Council on April 10, 2022.

Correction Needed: Last month's meeting it was mentioned that the Athens Borough Fire Board's audit issues have been resolved. Please note that it should have been stated that the Athens Borough Firemen's Relief audit issues have been resolved.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on April 11, 2022.

COUNCIL STIPEND/W2S

The Secretary/Treasurer provided Council with an explanation from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs in regards to Council receiving a stipend. PSAB advised that all Council members shall be considered Borough employees, therefore shall be paid their stipend as an employee and issued a W2 at the end of each calendar year.

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Williams that Council accept these new requirements regarding the stipend.

A roll call was requested by President Riley:

AYES: Chaykosky, Smith, Williams, Riley
NAYS: Molnar, Polzella, Sporn
Motion carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer will provide Council the necessary paperwork to be completed in order for them to be entered into the payroll system as employees.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the meeting be adjourned at 7:37PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary