MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on August 11, 2025, Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: President Scott Riley, Vice-President Sharon Sporn via teleconference, President Pro Tem Joanne Polzella, Council members Walter Chaykosky, Matthew Patton, Anthony Smith and Robert Williams.

Absent: Mayor Francis Roupp III.

President Scott Riley led in the Salute to the Flag.

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

President Scott 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 device, please announce so at this time.

PRESS

No one.

PUBLIC

Robert Wilkinson , 110 Chestnut Street addressed Council with his concerns of the current street construction on Chestnut Street. Mr. Wilkinson's concerns included compaction and lack of dust control from the contractor performing work for Aqua Pa.

President Riley stated the Borough Manager will look into these concerns and speak with the contractors performing the work on Chestnut Street.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Sporn that the August 2025 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$47,492.33**
Sewer Fund **$70,785.06**
Fire Fund **$410.18** – Loan Payment #72

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

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It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Smith that the minutes of the regular meeting on July 14, 2025 be approved as written. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Riley called for possible litigation of a Police Department employee.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Vice-President Sporn stated:

SHADE TREE

The Shade Tree Commission met on July 21, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is August 18, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

President Pro Tem Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on July 30, 2025.

Zoning Permits Issued: 5
Zoning Permits Denied: 1
Zoning Permits to Date: 26

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2025): 132

Contractor Permits:

Issued: 82 Pending: 5 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on October 08, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council Member Williams stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on July 30, 2025.

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OPENED AND READ THE BIDS FOR THE 2024 PAVING PROJECT #2 ON AUGUST 08, 2025 AT 10:00AM:

BIDS FOR LETTING OF
August 08, 2025 @ 10:00AM
2025 Milling and Paving Project # 2 - Aqua

	NAME OF BIDDER	AMOUNT
1.	Glenn O. Hawbaker 29293 Route 220 Milan, PA 18831	$1,069,962.00
2.	Bishop Brothers Construction 1376 Leisure Drive Towanda PA 18848	$637,855.95
3.	Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co 2105 South Broadway Pine City NY 14871	$811,787.50

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Smith that the bid received from Bishop Brothers Construction in the amount of $637,855.95 for the Athens Borough Paving Project #2 be accepted. Motion carried.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Council Member Patton stated:

RESIGNATION – FULL TIME OFFICER

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Smith that the resignation of Full Time Officer Zachary Hatch, effective August 08, 2025 be accepted. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – FULL COMPLEMENT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Derek Dekar addressed Council with a request for an additional full time Police Officer for the department.

Council will take the request under consideration.

TRUCK ORDINANCE

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Sporn that Solicitor Foster be authorized to advertise the proposed No Truck Ordinance as sent via email to Council on August 08, 2025. Motion carried.

NO PARKING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Council held a brief discussion and decided to table this amendment until their next meeting in September.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for July was made available to Council on August 08, 2025.

MAYOR

President Riley sated:

On July 16, 2025, Mayor Roupp attended the Grand Opening for Athens Health Care located at 200 S Main Street.

On July 23, 2025, Mayor Roupp welcomes WNEP's Joe Snedeker to Athens.

On July 31, Mayor Roupp attended the Bradford County EMS Sustainability Presentation.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on August 07, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START: 7:49PM
STOP: 8:03PM

LETTER TO BRADFORD COUNTY CORONER

It was moved by Patton and seconded by Sporn that Solicitor Foster be authorized to draft a letter to the Bradford County Coroner's Officer. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Patton that the meeting be adjourned at 8:03PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary