MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on August 08, 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

No one present.

PUBLIC

No one present.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

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

General Fund **$79,449.22**
Sewer Fund **$69,284.98**
Fire Fund **$688.54** – Loan Payment #30

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

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It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the minutes of the regular meeting on July 11, 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 August 03, 2022.

Month of July	Monthly Report	Total for the Year
155	Total Number of Calls:	933
2	Felony Arrests:	3
0	Misdemeanor Arrests:	5
0	Non-Traffic Arrests:	9
3	Traffic Citations:	20
15	Traffic Reports:	111
0	Truancy Reports:	24
0	Parking Warnings:	11
0	Parking Tickets:	13
	Mileage	
92	2013 Tahoe	106,691 Overall
731	2017 Tahoe	68,600 Overall
888	2019 Tahoe	33,127 Overall
	District Court:	
5	Total Cases:	63
2	Criminal Cases:	9
2	Traffic Cases:	16
2	Non-traffic Cases:	11
0	PFA Violations:	3
0	Truancy Cases:	24

SRO AGREEMENT

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the School Resource Officer agreement between Athens Borough and the Athens Area School District be approved for a five year term beginning Fall of 2022. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Pro Tem Sporn stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on July 18, 2022 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2022 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

SHADE TREE GRANT

Athens Borough has once again received Tree Pennsylvania Fall 2022 Bare Root Tree Grant. President Pro Tem Sporn stated any resident of Athens Borough who is interested in obtaining a Shade Tree should contact Mark Burgess, Borough Manager at 570 888 2319.

DOG PARK

Vice-President Sporn presented the idea of a Dog Park to Council. Council discussed this idea and tabled it for another time after requesting more information be presented.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council member Williams stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on August 02, 2022.

DONATION OF UTILITY POLES

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Sporn that Athens Borough donates the utility poles to the Satterlee Creek Environmental Center. The poles will be used along of their walking trail. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on August 02, 2022.

Zoning Permits Issued: 31
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 31

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2022): 90

Contractor Permits through 07/11/2022:

Issued: 90 Pending: 1 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Committee met on July 18, 2022 at 6:00PM. Their next meeting is scheduled on September 14, 2022

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council member Chaykosky stated:

ATHENS YOUTH FOOTBALL

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Chaykosky that the request from the Athens Wildcats Youth Football Organization for the use of the ball field within the Athens Park from August 01, 2022 to October 31, 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for July was made available to Council on August 03, 2022.

MAYOR ROUPP

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Mayor Roupp stated the next Police Department meeting needs to be scheduled.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on August 08, 2022.

SECURITY ISSUE

Chief Hutchinson took a moment to inform Council of a security issue that happened inside the Borough Hall on August 04, 2022. As a result of the issue, signs have been posted to prohibit unauthorized use of cell phones and cell phone recordings. Council discussed different ideas to better secure the Borough Hall/Borough Offices.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 7:42PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary