MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular and teleconference session on December 13, 2021, Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: President Scott Riley, Vice-President Robert Williams, President Pro Tem Matthew Patton, Council members Walter Chaykosky, Scott Molnar, Jeffrey Nason, Sharon Sporn and Mayor Roupp.

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 wished to address Council.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the December 2021 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$108,363.68**
Sewer Fund **$3,758.37**
Fire Fund **$768.46** – Loan Payment #22

AYES: Chaykosky, Molnar, Nason, Patton, Sporn, Williams, Riley
NAYES: None
Motion carried.

MINUTES

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Patton that the minutes of the regular meeting on November 08, 2021 be approved as written. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 717

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that Ordinance setting the tax rate for fiscal year 2022 as advertised on November 19, 2021 be adopted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 717

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ATHENS FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

SECTION NO. 1

That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all property within the Borough of Athens subject to taxation for the Borough purposes for the fiscal year 2022 as follows:

General Purposes..... 18.75 mills

Library Purposes..... .25 mill

Fire Equipment Purposes..... 1.00 mills

Making a total tax rate of 20.00 mills for all Borough purposes on each dollar of assessed valuation.

ORDINANCE NO. 718

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Patton that the Ordinance discontinuing contributions by either the Borough of Athens or the Police Force for the calendar year 2022 based on the Actuarial Valuation Report of the pension of the Police Pension Fund as advertised on November 19, 2021 be adopted. Motion carried.

BOROUGH OF ATHENS
ORDINANCE NO. 718

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, POLICE PENSION FUND, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ATHENS, COUNTY OF BRADFORD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Borough of Athens hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

Under Section 22-4, Contribution Rate of the Code of the Borough of Athens hereby deletes the following:

No contribution shall be required by either the Borough of Athens or the Police Force for the calendar year 2021 based on the Actuarial Valuation Report of the pension of the Police Pension fund.

Under Section 22-4, Contribution Rate of the Code of the Borough of Athens, hereby adds the following:

No contribution shall be required by either the Borough of Athens or the Police Force for the calendar year 2022 based on the Actuarial Valuation Report of the pension of the Police Pension Fund.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

2022 BUDGET

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the 2022 Budget be adopted. Motion carried.

2022 BUDGET

	2021	***2022 BUDGET***
1. General Fund	$1,650,065.00	$1,733,130.00
2. Library Fund	$ 12,500.00	$12,500.00
3. Street Maintenance Fund	$ 98,000.00	$99,500.00
4. Fire Equipment Fund	$ 50,000.00	$50,000.00
5. Sewer Revenue Fund	$1,098,950.00	$1,079,550.00
TOTAL	$2,909,515.00	$2,974,680.00

REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY

	2021	**2022 BUDGET**
1. General Fund	18.75 mills	18.75 mills
2. Fire Equipment Fund	1.00 mills	1.00 mills
3. Library Fund	.25 mills	.25 mills
TOTAL LEVY	20.00 mills	20.00 mills

SEWER RENT CHARGES

	2021	***2022***
1. Residential	$140.00/edu/quarter	$145.00/edu/quarter
2. Commercial/Public	$140.00/edu/quarter or $9.52/thousand gal water/quarter (whichever is greater)	$145.00/edu/quarter or $11.62/thousand gal water/quarter (whichever is greater)

ORDINANCE NO. 719

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Nason that the Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 84, Sewers, changing the sewer rent rate for Residential and Commercial as advertised on November 23, 2021 be adopted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 719

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER NO. 84, SEWERS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ATHENS, COUNTY OF BRADFORD, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.
The Borough of Athens hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

Article X Sewer Rentals; Charges; Penalties; Collection

Under §84-52. **Rentals, residential units** of the Code of the Borough of Athens, hereby **deletes** the following:

The sewer rental for each residential unit shall be $140 per quarter in arrears.

Under §84-52. **Rentals, residential units** of the Code of the Borough of Athens, hereby **adds** the following:

Effective January 1, 2022, the sewer rental for each residential unit shall be $145 per quarter in arrears.

Under §84-53. **Rentals, nonresidential units** of the Code of the Borough of Athens, hereby **deletes** the following:

Effective April 1, 2012 all owners of nonresidential units shall pay a quarterly sewer rental, which shall be the greater of a sewer rental of **$140** per equivalent dwelling unit or a sewer rental based upon actual water consumption or measured volume of wastewater, as hereinafter set forth. For the purposes of computation of sewer rentals based upon water consumption or volume of wastewater discharged into the sewer system, the amount shall be computed at the rate of

$9.52 per thousand gallons of water consumed or wastewater discharged into the sewer system during the quarter for which the billing is rendered.

A. Volume measurement. The volume of water to be used for billing sewer rentals to nonresidential units shall include any and all water purchased from the Sayre Water Company or any other private or public water company, and in addition all water obtained from any other source or sources (wells, springs, streams, etc.) as determined:

(1) By meters installed and maintained by the Sayre Water Company or any other private or public water company.

Under §84-53. **Rentals, nonresidential units** of the Code of the Borough of Athens, hereby **adds** the following:

Effective January 1, 2022 all owners of nonresidential units shall pay a quarterly sewer rental which shall be the greater of a sewer rental of $145 per equivalent dwelling unit or a sewer rental based upon actual water consumption or measured volume of wastewater, as hereinafter set forth. For the purposes of computation of sewer rentals based upon water consumption or volume of wastewater discharged into the sewer system, the amount shall be computed at the rate of $11.62 per thousand gallons of water consumed or wastewater discharged into the sewer system during the quarter for which the billing is rendered.

A. Volume measurement. The volume of water to be used for billing sewer rentals to nonresidential units shall include any and all water purchased from the Water Company or any other private or public water company, and in addition all water obtained from any other source or sources (wells, springs, streams, etc.) as determined:

(1) By meters installed and maintained by the Water Company or any other private or public water company.

THIS ORDINANCE shall take effect January 1, 2022; however the first payment on the increased amount will be billed on April 1. 2022 and due Apri 30, 2022 for the 1st quarter 2022 sewer rent.

President Riley took a moment to thank Council members Jeffrey Nason and Matthew Patton for their time served on Council and asked that they run for Council again in the future as they have both been assets to the town.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Vice-President Williams stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on December 01, 2021.

SALE OF PROPERTY – SDR PIPES AND FITTINGS

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Sporn that the highest bidder in the amount of $4500 for the sale of the SDR 26" sewer pipe and fittings be awarded. The buyer has ten days after award to provide a certified bank check to the Borough as payment. The auction of the pipe and fittings was conducted online through Municibid, ending on December 02, 2021. Motion carried.

SUSQUEHANNA VIGILANTE COMMITTEE PLAQUE

Council held a brief discussion on the placement of the plaque received for the Susquehanna Vigilante Committee. Council agreed to place the plaque near the boat landing at the Susquehanna Riverbank Trail Head.

POLICE COMMITTEE

President Pro Tem Patton stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on December 07, 2021.

Monthly Report

Month of November		Total for the Year
105	Total Number of Calls:	1225
0	Felony Arrests:	7
2	Misdemeanor Arrests:	16
0	Non-Traffic Arrests:	2
2	Traffic Citations:	12
10	Traffic Reports:	143
0	Parking Warnings:	1
0	Parking Tickets:	11

Mileage

186	2013 Tahoe	105,179 Overall
2,050	2017 Tahoe	59,320 Overall
491	2019 Tahoe	25,630 Overall

District Court:

6	Total Cases:	45
0	Criminal Cases:	20
2	Traffic Cases:	14
4	Non-traffic Cases:	8
0	PFA Violations	3

2022 ANIMAL SHELTER AGREEMENT

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Sporn that the 2022 Animal Shelter Agreement with the Bradford County Humane Society be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Council member Sporn stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on November 15, 2021 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. There is no meeting in December. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2022 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Molnar stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on December 023, 2021.

Zoning Permits Issued: 2
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 28

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2021): 84

Contractor Permits through 11/08/2021:

Issued: 5 Pending: 0 Void: 1 Issued to Date (2021): 108

PARKS AND RECREATION

Council member Chaykosky stated:

TEAOGA SQUARE MAINTENANCE

Council held a discussion in reference to the upkeep of Teaoga Square and has tabled the issue.

LEASE AGREEMENT – PENN YORK OPPORTUNITIES – ICE CREAM STAND

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Molnar that the lease agreement with Penn York Opportunities for the building located at 402 S Main Street be approved for the calendar year 2022. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 5 REC CENTER DEED

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that Resolution No. 2021 – 5 , to execute a deed from Athens Borough for the subdivided portion of the Recreation Center property that the Borough is retaining. This is the last step to the subdivision process, to record deeds with the new legal descriptions. Motion carried.

SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT – BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Williams that the Sub-Recipient Agreement received by the Bradford County Commissioners Office of the American Recovery Act Funds in the amount of $7,850 be approved. These funds will be used towards the security upgrade at the Valley Playland in the Athens Park. Motion carried.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Nason stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for November was made available to Council on November 08, 2021.

Chief Chandler thanked Council, the Borough Manager and the Secretary-Treasurer for all the assistance given to the Fire Department the last couple years and he looks forward to working with everyone again in two years when he will be Fire Chief again.

MAYOR ROUPP

NEW BUSINESS

There is a ribbon cutting ceremony being held for Wiles and Morales LLC on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 11:00AM at 228 S Main Street.

FIREWORKS TASK FORCE

Mayor Roupp provided Council with a brief update as to where the Fireworks Task Force Committee is at with their requests for fireworks to only be displayed certain times of the year.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on December 13, 2021.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the meeting be adjourned at 7:29PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary