MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on February 10, 2025, Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

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

The Sayre Morning Times announced they were not recording the meeting.

PUBLIC

Dale Bowen, 203 Bridge Street addressed Council will his appeal of his denied Zoning Permit/Floodplain Application to remove an old garage/shed and replace with a new garage. Mr. Bowen request that Council amend section 259-24 (E) Accessory Structures sub section 2 (a)(b)(c) of the current Zoning Ordinance.

Council stated that this request will be taken under consideration.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Patton that the February 2025 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$37,101.94**
Sewer Fund **$69,312.95**
Fire Fund **$498.60** – Loan Payment #64

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

MINUTES

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Smith that the minutes of the regular meeting on January 13, 2025 be approved as written. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025 - 2

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Patton that Resolution No. 2025 – 2, Appointing the EIT Tax Delegates be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2025 – 2

Athens Borough

Bradford County TCC Voting Delegate Appointment Resolution

Background. Act 32 § 505(b) **requires** the governing bodies of school districts, townships, boroughs, and cities that impose an earned income tax to appoint one voting delegate and one or more alternate delegates to be their Tax Collection Committee (TCC) representatives. The purpose of this resolution is to appoint the required delegates. The appointed individuals have consented to appointment.

RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Athens, that the following individuals are appointed as TCC delegates for the Borough of Athens:

1. Primary voting delegate (name & address, phone number and email address):

   Walter Chaykosky 622 S Main Street Athens PA

   570 888 4331 waltchaykosky@athensboroughpa.org

2. First alternate voting delegate (name & address, phone number and email address):

   Robert Williams 215 Chestnut Street Athens PA 18810

   607 765 1028 robertwilliams@athensboroughpa.org

3. Second alternate voting delegate (name & address, phone number and email address):

   Tara R Campbell 2 S River Street Athens PA 18810

   570 423 0219 taracampbell@athensboroughpa.org

4. If the primary voting delegate cannot be present for a TCC meeting, the first alternate voting delegate shall be the representative at the TCC meeting. If both the primary voting delegate and the first alternate voting delegate cannot be present for a TCC meeting, the second alternate voting delegate shall be the representative at the TCC meeting.

5. These appointments are effective immediately and shall continue until successors are appointed. Delegates shall be appointed each year in December or January at the organization meeting or as soon thereafter as possible. All delegates shall serve at the pleasure of this governing body and may be removed at any time.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Foster called for an Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Vice-President Sporn stated:

SHADE TREE

The Shade Tree Commission met on January 20, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is February 17, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Twenty shade trees will be planted in April.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

President Pro Tem Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on February 04, 2025.

Zoning Permits Issued: 3
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 3

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2025): 45

Contractor Permits:

Issued: 5 Pending: 0 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on January 08, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled on April 09, 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 February 03, 2025.

2025 PAVING PROJECT

It was moved by Patton and seconded by Chaykosky that the Borough Manager be authorized to advertise the 2025 paving project. The 2025 paving project will consist of milling 3 inches and placing 3 inches of 19.00 mm asphalt on the 100 and 200 blocks of W Vanderbilt Street and the 100 block of E Frederick Street. Motion carried.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Council Member Patton stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on February 10, 2025.

Monthly Report

Month of January		Total for the Year
94	Total Number of Calls:	193
3	Felony Arrests:	6
12	Misdemeanor Arrests:	20
7	Non-Traffic Arrests:	10
6	Traffic Citations:	6
6	Traffic/Parking Reports:	16
0	Truancy Reports:	0
2	PFA Violations	3
1	Parking Tickets/Warnings	3
	Mileage:	
400	2017 Tahoe	92,370Overall
461	2019 Tahoe	54,672 Overall
1,303	2023 Tahoe	1820,203 Overall
	District Court:	
9	Criminal Cases:	11
6	Traffic Cases:	6
7	Non-traffic Cases:	7
0	Truancy	0
22	Total Cases	24

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for January was made available to Council on February 10, 2025.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on February 10, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START: 7:21PM
STOP: 8:04PM

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the meeting be adjourned at 8:04PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary