MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council held their reorganization meeting on January 02, 2024, Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: Walter Chaykosky, Matthew Patton, Joanne Polzella, Scott Riley, Anthony Smith, Sharon Sporn, Robert Williams and Mayor Francis Roupp III.

Mayor Roupp led in the Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Roupp gave the Oath of Office to newly elected members of Council: Walter Chaykosky, Matthew Patton, Scott Riley and Robert Williams.

Mayor Roupp took his seat at the head of the Council table.

The newly elected Council members took their seats at the table.

Mayor Roupp called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Mayor Roupp asked for a Roll Call for attendance purposes.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT:

Mayor Roupp opened the nominations for President of Council.

Council member Sharon Sporn called for the nomination of Scott Riley for the position of Council President.

AYES: Chaykosky, Patton, Polzella, Smith, Sporn, Williams, Riley
NAYS: None

Scott Riley is elected President of the Athens Borough Council for the calendar years 2024-2025.

NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT RILEY TAKES THE CHAIR – 7:05PM

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

President Riley opened the nominations for Vice-President of Council.

President Scott Riley called for the nomination of Sharon Sporn for the position of Council Vice-President.

AYES: Chaykosky, Patton, Polzella, Smith, Sporn, Williams, Riley
NAYS: None

Sharon Sporn, elected Vice-President of Council for the calendar years 2024-2025.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Appoint President Pro-Tem

President Scott Riley made a motion to appoint Joanne Polzella as President Pro-Tem who will preside in the absence of the President and Vice-President, a second was made by Council member Anthony Smith. Motion carried.

Council member Joanne Polzella is appointed President Pro-Tem for the 2024-2025 calendar years.

Council Meetings 2024-2025

President Riley called for a motion to set the monthly meeting date and time for the calendar years 2024-2025.

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the monthly meetings of Council be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00PM. Motion carried.

December 2023 Supplemental Bills List

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Chaykosky that the supplemental December 2023 bills list to close the 2023 calendar year be approved as follows:
General Fund $4,288.40
Sewer Fund $50,306.33

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

Committees of Council

President Riley stated that he will establish a new list of Committees at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on January 08, 2024. President Riley stated that if a Council member wishes to chair a particular committee they should let him know immediately so that he may take their request under consideration.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S CONTRACT

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Chaykosky that the Borough Manager's contract be approved. The term shall reflect the PA Borough Code and is effective January 01, 2024 through December 31, 2025. The Borough Manager's contract reflects the benefits and wages that are followed by the Non-Uniform employees. Motion carried.

NEW HIRE – PATROL OFFICER

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Chaykosky that Gavin DeWert be hired as a Full time Patrol Officer. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 1

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Smith that Resolution No. 2024 – 1 for the sale of the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Vehicle to the Northern Lebanon Police Department in the amount of $6,000. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2024 - 1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ATHENS, BRADFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A RESOLUTION TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY WITH A VALUE OF $2,000.00 OR MORE.

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to sell Borough personal property, specifically a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe.

WHEREAS, The 2013 Chevrolet has exceeded is planned years of use within the Athens Borough Police Department by four years.

WHEREAS, The 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe has been replaced by at 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe.

WHEREAS, the Athens Borough Council approves the sale of the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe to the Northern Lebanon School District Police Department, 345 School Drive Fredericksburg Pa. 17026 in the amount of $6,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ATHENS, BRADFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA THAT THE ATHENS BOROUGH SHALL SELL THE PERSONAL PROPERTY MENTIONED IN THIS RESOLUTION.

President Riley called for an Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

START: 7:07PM
STOP: 7:37PM

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Smith that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary