MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on July 11, 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

Erin Wayman, Ewaste Recycling address Council via teleconference with a proposal that would bring recycling to the Residents and Business Owners in Athens Borough at a cost to the Borough.

Council stated their appreciation for Ms. Wayman's time and stated they would get back to her with a decision.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

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

General Fund **$172,757.21**
Sewer Fund **$12,744.69**
Fire Fund **$25,731.64** – Loan Payment #29

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

MINUTES

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Sporn that the minutes of the regular meeting on June 13, 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 July 07, 2022.

Month of June	Monthly Report	Total for the Year
166	Total Number of Calls:	838
0	Felony Arrests:	1
0	Misdemeanor Arrests:	5
2	Non-Traffic Arrests:	6
2	Traffic Citations:	6
34	Traffic Reports:	96
3	Truancy Reports:	24
0	Parking Warnings:	11
0	Parking Tickets:	13
	Mileage	
152	2013 Tahoe	106,699 Overall
1,317	2017 Tahoe	67,869 Overall
1,076	2019 Tahoe	32,239 Overall
	District Court:	
7	Total Cases:	58
1	Criminal Cases:	8
1	Traffic Cases:	14
2	Non-traffic Cases:	9
0	PFA Violations:	3
3	Truancy Cases:	24

SHESHEQUIN PATH HALF MARATHON

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Smith to approve the Sheshequin Path Half Marathon scheduled on October 01, 2022.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Pro Tem Sporn stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on June 20, 2022 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2022 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 05, 2022.

The 2022 Paving Project is complete.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on July 07, 2022.

Zoning Permits Issued: 24
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 24

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2022): 85

Contractor Permits through 07/11/2022:

Issued: 76 Pending: 8 Void: 0

ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Hearing Board met on June 22, 2022 at 5:00PM and approved the request of Donald Schwartz and Penelope Clarke to combine the two parcels located at 227 and 229 Central Avenue.

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Committee will meet on July 13, 2022 at 6:00PM.

ORDINANCE NO. 720 – FLOODPLAIN

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Molnar that Ordinance No. 720, an amendment to the floodplain ordinance for the revised floodplain language be adopted. Motion carried.

BOROUGH OF ATHENS
ORDINANCE NO. 720

AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER NO. 60, FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT, ARTICLE V TECHNICAL PROVISIONS, 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 Article V Technical Provisions Section 60-23 Elevation and floodproofing requirements of the Code of the Borough of Athens hereby **deletes** the following:

E. Accessory structures. Structures accessory to a principal building need not be elevated or floodproofed to remain dry, but shall comply, at a minimum, with the following requirements:

(1) The structure shall not be designed or used for human habitation, but shall be limited to the parking of vehicles, or to the storage of tools, material, and equipment related to the principal use or activity.

(2) Floor area shall not exceed 200 square feet.

(3) The structure will have a low damage potential.

(4) The structure will be located on the site so as to cause the least obstruction to the flow of floodwaters.

(5) Power lines, wiring, and outlets will be elevated to the regulatory flood elevation.

(6) Permanently affixed utility equipment and appliances such as furnaces, heaters, washers, dryers, etc., are prohibited.

(7) Sanitary facilities are prohibited.

(8) The structure shall be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, and lateral movement and shall be designed to automatically provide for the entry and exit of floodwater for the purpose of equalizing hydrostatic forces on the walls. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect, or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

(a) A minimum of two openings having a net total area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed space.

(b) The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade.

(c) Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, etc., or other coverings or devices, provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

Under Article V Technical Provisions Section 60-23 Elevation and floodproofing requirements of the Code of the Borough of Athens hereby **adds** the following:

E. Fencing. Any solid fencing shall be raised a minimum of three (3) inches from the ground. This provision shall not apply to chain link fence or other fencing which would not act as a barrier allowing water to freely pass through the fencing.

F. Accessory structures. Structures accessory to a principal building need not be elevated or floodproofed to remain dry, but shall comply, at a minimum, with the following requirements:

(1) The structure shall not be designed or used for human habitation, but shall be limited to the parking of vehicles, or to the storage of tools, material, and equipment related to the principal use or activity.

(2) Accessory structures located in A Zone (A, AE, A 1-A30, AR, A99) shall be less than or equal to the size of a one-story, two-car garage with the following limitations:

A. Floor area shall not exceed 576 square feet.
B. The maximum width of the structure is twenty-four (24) feet.
C. The maximum length of the structure is twenty-four (24) feet.
D. The maximum height of the structure is one-story.

(3) The structure will have a low damage potential.

(4) The structure will be located on the site so as to cause the least obstruction to the flow of floodwaters.

(5) Power lines, wiring, and outlets will be elevated to the regulatory flood elevation.

(6) Permanently affixed utility equipment and appliances such as furnaces, heaters, washers, dryers, etc., are prohibited.

(7) Sanitary facilities are prohibited.

(8) The structure shall be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, and lateral movement and shall be designed to automatically provide for the entry and exit of floodwater for the purpose of equalizing hydrostatic forces on the walls. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect, or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

(a) A minimum of two openings having a net total area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed space.

(b) The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade.

(c) Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, etc., or other coverings or devices, provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for June was made available to Council on July 08, 2022.

MAYOR ROUPP

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

The next Police Department meeting is scheduled on July 26, 2022 at 4:00PM.

GREATER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - TRIATHLON

Mayor Roupp stated he joined the other Valley Mayors on the radio giving support of the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce Triathlon that is scheduled in September.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on July 11, 2022.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the meeting be adjourned at 7:23PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

_____
Tara R. Campbell, Secretary