MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on July 08, 2024, Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: President Pro Tem Joanne Polzella, Council members Walter Chaykosky, Matthew Patton, Anthony Smith, Robert Williams.

Absent: President Scott Riley, Vice-President Sharon Sporn and Mayor Francis Roupp III.

President Pro Tem Polzella led in the Salute to the Flag.

President Pro Tem Polzella called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

President Pro Tem Polzella 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

No one present.

PUBLIC

No one present.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM POLZELLA

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Williams that the July 2024 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$59,308.46**
Sewer Fund **$705.07**
Fire Fund **$543.88** – Loan Payment #56
Fire Fund **$25,000** – Loan Payment #57
Library Fund **$9,816.13** – 2024 Real Estate Taxes

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

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It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the minutes of the regular meeting on June 10, 2024 be approved as written. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Pro Tem Polzella called for an Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Pro Tem Polzella stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on June 17, 2024 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. There is no meeting in July. Their next meeting is on August 19, 2024 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

The Borough Manager and Shade Tree Committee have submitted the preliminary application for the Fall 2024 Tree Pennsylvania Baret Root grant. If awarded the grant would provide up to 30 shade trees.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

President Pro Tem Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on July 02, 2024.

Zoning Permits Issued: 10
Zoning Permits Denied: 1
Zoning Permits to Date: 25

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2024): 113

Contractor Permits through 06/30/2024

Issued: 79 Pending: 2 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on June 12, 2024 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. There is no meeting in July. Their next meeting is on August 14, 2024 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Patton that the Borough Manager be authorized to advertise for a Public Hearing to present the draft of the Athens Borough Comprehensive Plan and to begin the 45 day public review and comment period. This Public Hearing will be held at 6:30PM on August 12, 2024. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council Member Williams stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on July 02, 2024.

Council held a brief discussion regarding yard sales in the Borough. Council member Williams requested that Council review the ordinance for changes.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Council Member Patton stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on July 08, 2024.

Monthly Report

Month of June		Total for the Year
190	Total Number of Calls:	863
1	Felony Arrests:	13
7	Misdemeanor Arrests:	25
4	Non-Traffic Arrests:	23
17	Traffic Citations:	32
45	Traffic/Parking Reports:	117
0	Truancy Reports:	16
6	PFA Violations	18
5	Parking Tickets/Warnings	32

	Mileage:	
1,069	2017 Tahoe	88,304 Overall
1,200	2019 Tahoe	49,743 Overall
1,907	2023 Tahoe	11,012 Overall

	District Court:	
3	Criminal Cases:	18
17	Traffic Cases:	31
3	Non-traffic Cases:	21
0	Truancy	16
23	Total Cases	86

NO PARKING 3AM TO 6AM

The Borough Manager and Chief of Police will be reviewing the entire parking restrictions ordinance and will be recommending changes to Council.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council member Chaykosky stated:

LEVEE GRANT

The Borough Manager has submitted a grant request in the amount of $14,922.50 to DEP for the cost of televising all Levee Conduits within the Chemung Levee.

ATHENS PARK/BALL FIELD RENTAL

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Polzella that the request submitted by the Athens Wildcats Youth Football Organization for the use of the ball field within the Athens Park be approved from August 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024. The Youth Football Board has submitted the Park Rental Application, $50 park rental fee and the insurance certificate. Motion carried.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department’s monthly report for June was made available to Council on July 05, 2024.

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MAYOR

President Pro Tem Polzella stated on July 12, 2024 at 12:00PM, the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center will be holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Athens Educational Center located at 116 Walnut Street/PIVOT Plaza.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on July 08, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START – 7:21PM
STOP – 7:48PM

PARK BALL FIELD DUGOUT VANDALISM

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Chaykosky that Police Chief Dieg be authorized to file a request for restitution in the amount up to $5200 against the teenagers involved in the vandalism of the dugouts at the Athens Park ball field. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Patton that the meeting be adjourned at 7:48PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary