MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on June 12, 2023 Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: President Scott Riley, Vice-President Scott Molnar, Council members Walter Chaykosky, Joanne Polzella, Anthony Smith, Robert Williams and Mayor Francis Roupp III.

Absent: President Pro Tem Sharon Sporn and Council Member Walter Chaykosky.

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

Jeff Rosenheck, County EMA Coordinator invited Council to an Open House on June 13th from 3:00PM to 7:00PM at the Bradford County Department of Public Safety. Mr, Rosenheck also presented President Scott Riley, Athens Borough's EMA Coordinator with his Professional Certification as Scott is the 3rd EMA Coordinator in Bradford County to complete PEMA's Certification and Credentials training.

David Rosenbloom, Business Owner, 314 S Main Street and his Grandson, Austin Lister, 107 Central Avenue expressed their issues with the current zoning of 107 Central Avenue. 107 Central Avenue is currently zoned as commercial in the business district and Mr. Lister is trying to convert 107 Central Avenue into four residential apartments. The business district does not allow residential apartments on the first floor of a property. Mr. Rosenbloom is requesting that Council take a look into rezoning 107 Central Avenue from commercial to residential. Council did not discuss or take action on this request so it is tabled for further review.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Polzella that the June 2023 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$98,913.04**
Sewer Fund **$6,622.38**
Fire Fund **$670.29** – Loan Payment #41
Fire Fund **$12,843.77** – Grant Funding – Loan Payment #40
Library Fund **$9,812.94**

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

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It was moved by Williams and seconded by Molnar that the minutes of the regular meeting on May 08, 2023 be approved as written. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION – PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

It was moved by Polzella and seconded by Molnar that the resignation of Aaron Anthony, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, effective May 10, 2023 be approved. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT – PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

It was moved by Polzella and seconded by Williams that Duane Phillips, 630 S Main Street be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission with term ending on December 31, 2023. Motion carried.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Williams that the Veteran's Exemption request for Matthew Mattison, 119 N Elmira Street, effective January 22, 2023 be approved. The Bradford County Commissioners granted this exempt status on April 13, 2023. Motion carried.

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Polzella that the Veteran's Exemption request for Kenneth Ledgerwood, 780 S Main Street, effective April 26, 2023 be approved. The Bradford County Commissioners granted this exempt status on May 25, 2023. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Williams called for an Executive Session to discuss real estate.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Vice-President Molnar stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on June 08, 2023.

Monthly Report		
Month of May		Total for the Year
152	Total Number of Calls:	763
0	Felony Arrests:	4
0	Misdemeanor Arrests:	5
2	Non-Traffic Arrests:	7
0	Traffic Citations:	1
20	Traffic Reports:	71
13	Truancy Reports:	45
1	Parking Warnings:	1
0	PFA Violations	4
1	Parking Tickets:	1
	Mileage:	
73	2013 Tahoe	107,397 Overall
1172	2017 Tahoe	80,206 Overall
1016	2019 Tahoe	41,168 Overall
	District Court:	
14	Total Cases:	63
0	Criminal Cases:	5
0	Traffic Cases:	7
1	Non-traffic Cases:	6

TRAFFICE ISSUES – E CHERRY STREET

Council held a brief discussion of the residents' concerns over speeding on East Cherry Street. Chief Hutchinson stated that he will look into this issue.

PCCD GRANT

The Athens Borough Police Department has been awarded $102,295.00 through the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency Grant. The funding will be used to purchase Office Computers, In Car Cameras, Body Worn Cameras and Portable Radios.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Riley stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on May 17, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled on June 14, 2023 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 May 31, 2023.

SALE OF PWD EQUIPMENT – KUBOTA MOWER

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Polzella that the sale of the Kubota ZD 25 F Zero Turn Mower be awarded to Michael Ciarlante in the amount of $5,200 as bid on Municibid with the auction ending on June 07, 2023 at 5:00PM. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on June 07, 2023.

Zoning Permits Issued: 11
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 15

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2023): 2

Contractor Permits through 06/01/2023:

Issued: 56 Pending: 11 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on June 07, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next workshop is scheduled for June 21, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens High School Cafeteria.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

President Riley stated:

CONSTRUCTION OF PAVILIONS AT PARK

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Molnar that the quote received by Burns Contracting and Homes in the amount of $12,586 to construct two pavilions in the Athens Park per plans created by AJH Design be approved. Motion carried.

PARK RESTROOMS

The Borough Manager will be obtaining quotes for the replacement of the shingled roof of the Athens Park Restroom Buildings. A few of the shingles have blown off.

SAFETY COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry has once again provided certification of the Athens Borough Workplace Safety Committee.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for May was made available to Council on June 05, 2023.

MAYOR

On May 29, 2023 the Mayor participated in the Memorial Day Parade held in Sayre Borough.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on June 12, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START – 7:20PM
STOP – 7:45PM

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary