MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on June 09, 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 and Robert Williams.

Absent: 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

No one present.

PUBLIC

Damian Rossettie, 741 S Main Street, informed Council there was a police presence at his home regarding the safety of his children playing outside their home.

Chief Dieg spoke up about the complaint that was made by a resident on the street. Chief Dieg stated the safety concern was the fact the small children run across the street and they play in the street.

Dr. Joseph Harmon, 756 S Main Street, addressed Council regarding the complaint due to one of the small children being his child. Dr. Harmon informed Council that there isn't a law against children playing in the street.

Mr. Rossettie and Dr. Harmon asked if the speed limit of 25MPH could be reduced to 15MPH and may be more police presence in the area would make a difference with the "speeders" on the street.

Chief Dieg stated the town is not responsible for setting the speed limits on each road.

Council thanked Mr. Rossettie and Dr. Harmon for their time.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Smith that the June 2025 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$123,011.37**
Sewer Fund **$88,441.17**
Fire Fund **$498.60** – Loan Payment #68

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

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It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Sporn that the minutes of the regular meeting on May 12, 2025 be approved as written. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Riley called for an Executive Session to discuss a letter of concern regarding the Code Office.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Vice-President Sporn stated:

SHADE TREE

The Shade Tree Commission met on May 19, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is June 16, 2025 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

President Pro Tem Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on June 03, 2025.

Zoning Permits Issued: 4
Zoning Permits Denied: 1
Zoning Permits to Date: 14

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2025): 123

Contractor Permits:

Issued: 61 Pending: 6 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on July 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 June 03, 2025.

PWD EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Polzella that Jordan Peppard be hired as a Public Works Department Class B Operator effective July 02, 2025. Motion carried.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Council Member Patton stated:

PD SETTLEMENT

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Williams that the Heart and Lung Settlement and Release Agreement between Patrol Officer A and Athens Borough be approved, effective May 20m 2025. Motion carried.

PD RESIGNATION

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Smith that the resignation of Patrol Officer Timothy Cahill, effective May 20, 2025 be approved. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on June 03, 2025.

Month of May	Monthly Report	Total for the Year 2025
154	Total Number of Calls:	673
2	Felony Arrests:	18
19	Misdemeanor Arrests:	52
0	Non-Traffic Arrests:	14
2	Traffic Citations:	20
26	Traffic/ Parking Reports:	124
0	Truancy Reports:	0
1	PFA Violations	4
0	Parking Tickets/Warnings	10
	Mileage:	
775	2017 Tahoe	95,858 Overall
723	2019 Tahoe	57,222 Overall
2,252	2023 Tahoe	26,178 Overall
	District Court:	
7	Criminal Cases:	28
2	Traffic Cases:	20
0	Non-traffic Cases:	18
0	Truancy	0
9	Total Cases:	66

TRUCK ORDINANCE

The Borough Manager is currently working with the PSATS on the completion of the required traffic study.

NO PARKING ORDINANCE

Council and the Borough Manager discussed the comment letters that were returned by residents and evaluated each street marked for No Parking both sides.

FIRE COMMITTEE

President Riley stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for May was made available to Council on June 06, 2025.

MAYOR ROUPP

President Riley stated, on May 24, 2025 Mayor Roupp participated in the Memorial Day Parade hosted by Waverly.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on June 06, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START: 7:43PM
STOP: 8:16PM

ADJOURN

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Patton that the meeting be adjourned at 8:16PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary