MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on March 11, 2024, Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: President Scott Riley, Pro Tem Joanne Polzella, Council members Walter Chaykosky, Matthew Patton, Anthony Smith, and Mayor Francis Roupp III.

Absent: Vice-President Sharon Sporn and Council member Robert Williams.

President Riley 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 device, please announce so at this time.

PRESS

The Sayre Morning Times announced they were recording the meeting.

PUBLIC

No one present.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

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

General Fund **$39,720.64**
Sewer Fund **$192,411.53**
Fire Fund **$558.12** – Loan Payment #51

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

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It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Smith that the minutes of the regular meeting on February12, 2024 be approved as written. Motion carried.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – SPECTRUM NORTHEAST LLC

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Polzella that the franchise agreement between the Borough of Athens and Spectrum Northeast LLC for a 15 year term be approved. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Riley called for an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Riley stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on February 21, 2024 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is on March 18, 2024 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 March 05, 2024.

Zoning Permits Issued: 1
Zoning Permits Denied: 1
Zoning Permits to Date: 3

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2024): 75

Contractor Permits through 02/29/2024

Issued: 25 Pending: 0 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on February 14, 2024 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is on March 13, 2024 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Patton that Solicitor Foster be authorized to advertise the amendment to the Flood Plain Ordinance. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

President Riley stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on March 01, 2024.

DESIGNATION OF PRIVATE DRIVE

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Chaykosky that Solicitor Foster be authorized to draft the amendment to Chapter 445, Street Naming and Addressing, designating a private drive on S Main Street to be known as Cotton Lane. Motion carried.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Council Member Patton stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on March 11, 2024.

Monthly Report

Month of February		Total for the Year
107	Total Number of Calls:	239
9	Felony Arrests:	10
8	Misdemeanor Arrests:	9
3	Non-Traffic Arrests:	4
3	Traffic Citations:	6
13	Traffic Reports:	30
10	Truancy Reports:	16
5	Parking/Tickets Warnings:	6
4	PFA Violations	5

	Mileage:	
442	2017 Tahoe	84,519 Overall
242	2019 Tahoe	47,100 Overall
981	2023 Tahoe	5,465 Overall
	District Court:	
20	Total Cases:	27
4	Criminal Cases:	5
3	Traffic Cases:	3
3	Non-traffic Cases:	3
10	Truancy	17

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

PARK PAVILLIONS

Council and the Borough Manager held a discussion on whether to charge a fee to rent out the two new pavilions at the Athens Park. This discussion was tabled until next meeting.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for February was made available to Council on March 07, 2024.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on March 11, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START – 7:07PM
STOP – 7:19PM

ADJOURN

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 7:19PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary