MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on March 13, 2023 Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: President Scott Riley, Council members Walter Chaykosky, Joanne Polzella, Anthony Smith, Robert Williams and Mayor Francis Roupp III(teleconference).

Absent: Vice-President Scott Molnar, President Pro Tem Sharon Sporn.

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 devise please announce so at this time.

PRESS

No one present.

PUBLIC

No one present.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the March 2023 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$35,830.87**
Sewer Fund **$80,758.72**
Fire Fund **$625.61** – Loan Payment #37

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

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It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Smith that the minutes of the regular meeting on February 13, 2023 be approved as written. Motion carried.

DRAFT FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Council held a brief discussion on the draft Fireworks Ordinance that was created by the Valley Fireworks Committee. The ordinance was tabled until next meeting.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Smith that the Veteran's Exemption request of Gabriel Unger, 612 S Main Street effective January 24, 2023 be approved. The Bradford County Commissioners granted exempt status on February 09, 2023. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 2

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Polzella that Resolution No. 2023 – 2 appointing the tax delegates for the Bradford County Earned Income Tax Collection Committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2023 – 2
Athens Borough
Bradford County TCC Voting Delegate Appointment Resolution

Background. Act 32 § 505(b) requires the governing bodies of school districts, townships, boroughs, and cities that impose an earned income tax to appoint one voting delegate and one or more alternate delegates to be their Tax Collection Committee (TCC) representatives. The purpose of this resolution is to appoint the required delegates. The appointed individuals have consented to appointment.

RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Athens, that the following individuals are appointed as TCC delegates for the Borough of Athens:

1. Primary voting delegate (name & address, phone number and email address):

Walter Chaykosky 622 S Main Street Athens PA

570 888 4331 waltchaykosky@athensboroughpa.org _

2. First alternate voting delegate (name & address, phone number and email address):

Robert Williams 215 Chestnut Street Athens PA 18810

607 765 1028 robertwilliams@athensboroughpa.org

3. Second alternate voting delegate (name & address, phone number and email address):

Tara R Campbell 2 S River Street Athens PA 18810

570 423 0219 taracampbell@athensboroughpa.org

4. If the primary voting delegate cannot be present for a TCC meeting, the first alternate voting delegate shall be the representative at the TCC meeting. If both the primary voting delegate and the first alternate voting delegate cannot be present for a TCC meeting, the second alternate voting delegate shall be the representative at the TCC meeting.

5. These appointments are effective immediately and shall continue until successors are appointed. Delegates shall be appointed each year in December or January at the organization meeting or as soon thereafter as possible. All delegates shall serve at the pleasure of this governing body and may be removed at any time.

Certification of adoption. The undersigned certifies that the above Resolution was adopted at a public meeting on this date.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Riley called for an Executive Session to discuss Litigation.

Council member Williams called for an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate.

POLICE COMMITTEE

President Riley stated:

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

Monthly Report

Month of February		Total for the Year
162	Total Number of Calls:	308
0	Felony Arrests:	2
0	Misdemeanor Arrests:	4
2	Non-Traffic Arrests:	0
0	Traffic Citations:	3
11	Traffic Reports:	37
15	Truancy Reports:	6
0	Parking Warnings:	0
1	PFA Violations	4
0	Parking Tickets:	0
	Mileage:	
102	2013 Tahoe	107,142 Overall
1,276	2017 Tahoe	77,206 Overall
592	2019 Tahoe	38,483 Overall
	District Court:	
17	Total Cases:	31
0	Criminal Cases:	2
0	Traffic Cases:	6
2	Non-traffic Cases:	2

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Riley stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on February 15, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

Council selected the new design for the next round of banners.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Council member Williams stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on March 01, 2023.

2023 PAVING PROJECT

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the Borough Manager be authorized to advertise the 2023 paving project. The project will consist of Fourth Street from Laurel Avenue to W Pine Street, Laurel Avenue and Volunteer Way. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF PWD EQUIPMENT – KUBOTA ZD 1211 MOWER

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Polzella that the purchase of a Kubota ZD 1211 mower utilizing the Source Well NJPA contact # 2589933 in the amount of $16,461.72 be approved. The purchase will be made using the PWD Equipment Reserve Funds and will replace the Kubota ZD 25 that was purchased in 2007. Motion carried.

SALE OF PWD EQUIPMENT – KUBOTA ZD 25 MOWER

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Smith that the Borough Manager be authorized to advertise the sale of the used 2007 Kubota ZD 25 mower. The mower will be listed on the Municibid Auction site. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on March 10, 2023.

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

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2023): 9

Contractor Permits through 03/01/2023:

Issued: 28 Pending: 3 Void: 0

MUNILOGIC AGREEMENT

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Smith that the Munilogic Contract Agreement beginning on January 01, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Committee will hold a public workshop on March 22, 2023 at 6:00PM and will hold a public workshop on February 22, 2023 at 6:00PM to discuss the survey that will be mailed on in regards to the comprehensive plan update.

Their next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 12, 2023 at 6:00PM.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council member Chaykosky stated:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Polzella that the Borough Manager be authorized to obtain quotes for the construction of two pavilions to be located at the Athens Park per architectural drawings prepared by AJH Design. Motion carried.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for February was made available to Council on March 08, 2023.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on March 13, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START: 7:31PM
STOP: 8:21PM

LEVEE LETTER TO DAVID ARNOLD

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Smith that the Borough Manager be authorized to draft a letter to Mr. David Arnold, 127 Elm Street in reference to the Chemung Levee. Motion carried.

PA ONE CALL ISSUES / PUC

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the Borough Manager be authorized to set up a meeting with the PUC in reference to the PA One Call issue. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the meeting be adjourned at 8:22PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary