MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on March 14, 2022 Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

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

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 wished to address Council

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Chaykosky that the March 2022 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$44,259.22**
Sewer Fund **$181,819.52**
Fire Fund **$717.22** – Loan Payment #25

AYES: Chaykosky, Molnar, 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 February 14, 2022 be approved as written. Motion carried.

SEWER LATERAL REPLACEMENT – ARPA FUNDING

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Molnar to authorize the use of the American Rescue Plan Funds for the cost of the PennDOT SR 199 Sewer Lateral Replacement Project. Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANT – PLAYLAND DRIVE

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Sporn that the Environmental Covenant for the property located at 75 Playland Drive, Athens, PA 18810 Parcel # 7-20.14-156-000-000 be approved. Motion carried.

COUNCIL ROOM

Council held a brief discussion on the need to update the Council Room i.e. paint, move pictures around, etc. The updates will be handled by the Planning and Development Committee, Borough Manager and Public Works Department.

NON-UNIFORMED CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

The Executive Committee, Department Chairman, Borough Manager and Solicitor will meet on April 27, 2022 at 6:00PM to begin the Non-Uniformed Contract negotiations.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Riley called for an Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel Issues.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Vice-President Molnar stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on March 07, 2022.

Monthly Report

Month of February		Total for the Year
97	Total Number of Calls:	241
0	Felony Arrests:	0
1	Misdemeanor Arrests:	4
1	Non-Traffic Arrests:	3
1	Traffic Citations:	2
3	Traffic Reports:	9
7	Parking Warnings:	11
2	Parking Tickets:	3

Mileage

210	2013 Tahoe	105,944 Overall
1,045	2017 Tahoe	62,684 Overall
623	2019 Tahoe	28,186 Overall

District Court:

3	Total Cases:	10
1	Criminal Cases:	3
0	Traffic Cases:	0
2	Non-traffic Cases:	4
0	PFA Violations	0

TRAFFIC STUDY

Council held a discussion on removing the No Parking 3:00AM to 6:00AM and changing it to no parking on the north side of E Pine Street from Wells Ave to N River. The Chief of Police and Borough Manager will proceed with a 90 day traffic study of all No Parking streets in the Borough.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Pro Tem Sporn stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on February 21, 2022 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2022 at 5:00PM 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 March 07, 2022.

PWD LABORER – COMPLETION OF PROBTION

Tyler Bauman has successfully completed the six month probationary period as a Public Works Department Laborer on February 23, 2022.

Council Member Williams took a moment to commend the Public Works Department for their snow removal efforts this season.

PURCHASE OF PWD EQUIPMENT

Council held a brief discussion of the possibility of purchasing sidewalk snow removal equipment. The Borough Manager presented the finding of a used Boss Snowrator by showing a video demo of the machine.

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the purchase of one used Boss Snowrator sidewalk machine model SNR24001 in an amount not to exceed $11,700 be approved. Council Member Polzella and Vice-President Molnar were nay votes, not agreeing with the purchase. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on March 07, 2022.

Zoning Permits Issued: 2
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 2

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2022): 68

Contractor Permits through 03/14/2022:

Issued: 21 Pending: 8 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Committee met on March 09, 2022. The Minutes were sent to Council on March 11, 2022.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

ATHENS PARK FIELD – ATHENS LITTLE LEAGUE

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Smith that the Athens Little League be authorized to have use of the Athens Park Ball Filed for the 2022 season. Athens Little League will become the contact and scheduling agent for any additional parties who wish to utilize the field. Athens Little League has provided their proof of insurance, any other users will be required to provide insurance as well. Motion carried.

ATHENS PARK RESTROOMS

Council held a brief discussion regarding updating the color of the restroom buildings. Mike Polzella with the Athens Borough Fire Department stated that he would match that color to the Fire Department Pavilion as that is in the process of being rehabbed.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for December was made available to Council on March 07, 2022.

The issues with the Athens Borough Fire Board audit as mentioned at a prior meeting have been resolved.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on March 11, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START: 7:51PM
STOP: 9:16PM

CONFIDENTIALITY LETTER TO EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Polzella that Solicitor Foster Jr be authorized to draft a letter for employees' signatures regarding confidentiality of a potential litigation issue. Motion carried.

COUNCIL STIPEND/W2S – VENDOR 1099S

The subject of issuing 1099s to vendors and W2s to Council members has been tabled until the April 11, 2022 meeting in order for more information to be obtained.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Chaykosky that the meeting be adjourned at 9:17PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary