MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on September 11, 2023 Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

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

Absent: President Pro Tem Sharon Sporn and Council member Robert Williams

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

The Sayre Morning Times announced they are recording the meeting.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Roupp swore in Officer Carla Dieg as the new Athens Borough Police Chief, effective October 02, 2023.

PUBLIC

Stan Nichols, Business/Residential property owner was asked to address Council in Executive Session.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Smith that the September 2023 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **$37,646.16**
Sewer Fund **$87,760.10**
Fire Fund **$596.60** – Loan Payment #45

AYES: Chaykosky, Molnar, 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 August 14, 2023 be approved as written. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Riley 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 September 07, 2023.

Monthly Report

Month of August		Total for the Year
151	Total Number of Calls:	1170
0	Felony Arrests:	5
2	Misdemeanor Arrests:	22
2	Non-Traffic Arrests:	12
4	Traffic Citations:	8
17	Traffic Reports:	116
0	Truancy Reports:	45
0	Parking Warnings:	1
2	PFA Violations	5
0	Parking Tickets:	1
	Mileage:	
40	2013 Tahoe	107,643 Overall
517	2017 Tahoe	82,155 Overall
947	2019 Tahoe	44,588 Overall
	District Court:	
4	Total Cases:	83
3	Criminal Cases:	16
3	Traffic Cases:	11
3	Non-traffic Cases:	11
0	Truancy	45

SALE OF THE 2013 POLICE VEHICLE

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Smith that the Borough Manager be authorized to advertise the sale of the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Vehicle utilizing the Municibid Online Auction service. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Riley stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on August 16, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled on September 20, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

President Riley stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on September 05, 2023.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Polzella stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on September 06, 2023.

Zoning Permits Issued: 3
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 19

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2023): 25

Contractor Permits through 08/31/2023:

Issued: 85 Pending: 2 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on August 23, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on September 20, 2023 at 5:00PM for the Zoning Hearing Board Application request of Patrick and Amanda Cotton, 784 S Main Street.

ZONING PERMIT AND BUILDING PERMIT FEES

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Chaykosky that Solicitor Foster be authorized to draft a Resolution for the fee schedule as provided by the Borough Manager. Motion carried.

SIDEWALK GRANT

Athens Borough is working with Bradford County and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to obtain a sidewalk repair and replacement grant. The grant is funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program and designed to benefit low to moderate income households. Applications are available at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council member Chaykosky stated:

BRUSH COLLECTION

The collection of brush by the Public Works Committee was a recent topic at the Safety Committee Meeting on August 16th. The Borough Manager mentioned that the PWD collects storm debris but is wondering is an annual brush collection would help the Borough Residents keep their properties cleaned up. Vice-President Molnar stated that a Spring brush collection would be a good idea since the Borough already does a leaf pick up in the Fall.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

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

NEW FIRE HYDRANT

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Chaykosky that the Borough Manager be authorized to draft a letter to Aqua allowing them to install a new fire hydrant located at the northeast corner of S Main St and Locust St. Motion carried.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Molnar that the Waverly Barton Mutual Aid Agreement be approved. Motion carried.

MAYOR

The Athens Area School District's Homecoming Parade will be held in Athens Borough on Friday, October 06, 2023 at 6:00PM.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on September 11, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START – 7:32PM
STOP – 8:11PM

ADJOURN

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 8:11PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary