MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular session on September 12, 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.

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

No one present.

PUBLIC

Nathan Wiles, Wiles Valley Weather, presented Council with a summary of his services in reference to forecast distribution for winter weather/severe weather to help the Borough save time and resources.

PRESIDENT RILEY

WILES VALLEY WEATHER PROPOSAL

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Sporn that the proposal from Wiles Valley Weather be accepted in the amount of $1500 from October 01, 2022 to September 30, 2023. Nay: Chaykosky. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS

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

General Fund **$33,227.06**
Sewer Fund **$79,582.25**
Fire Fund **$692.64** – Loan Payment #31

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

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It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Smith that the minutes of the regular meeting on August 08, 2022 be approved as written. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Sporn that section 1.15 of the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan be amended, changing the normal retirement age from 65 to 62. Motion carried.

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Chaykosky that section 1.02 of the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan read as follows “Actuarial Equivalent” shall be determined by using the mortality table and interest rate used in the most recently filed Act 205 Report. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Smith that the Agreement by the Athens Borough Public Works Department and the Teamsters Local 118, dated January 01, 2023 through December 31, 2026 be approved. Motion carried.

VETERAN’S REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Williams that the Veteran’s Exemption request for real estate taxes by Judy Brotzman, 104 E Frederick Street be approved. The Bradford County Commissioners granted this request on March 22, 2022. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Smith that the Veteran’s Exemption request for real estate taxes by Russell C Lehman, 207 E Pine Street be approved. The Bradford County Commissioners granted this request on April 11. 2022. Motion carried.

AIPHONE SYSTEM - PURCHASE– MUNICIPAL BUILDING

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Williams to utilize ARPA Funds to purchase an Aiphone System per the proposal submitted by Teledair Communications in the amount of $11,400 for the Municipal Building. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

No one called for an Executive Session.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Vice-President Molnar stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on September 09, 2022.

Month of August	Monthly Report	Total for the Year
167	Total Number of Calls:	1100
0	Felony Arrests:	3
1	Misdemeanor Arrests:	6
0	Non-Traffic Arrests:	9
3	Traffic Citations:	20
23	Traffic Reports:	134
0	Truancy Reports:	24
0	Parking Warnings:	11
0	Parking Tickets:	13
	Mileage	
74	2013 Tahoe	106,765 Overall
1,616	2017 Tahoe	70,216 Overall
965	2019 Tahoe	34,092 Overall
	District Court:	
1	Total Cases:	64
1	Criminal Cases:	10
0	Traffic Cases:	16
0	Non-traffic Cases:	11
0	PFA Violations:	3
0	Truancy Cases:	24

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

President Pro Tem Sporn stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on August 15, 2022 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2022 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 September 07, 2022.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Polzella stated:

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

Zoning Permits Issued: 3
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 34

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2022): 93

Contractor Permits through 09/07/2022:

Issued: 90 Pending: 8 Void: 0

P&Z MEETING

The Planning and Zoning Committee will meet on September 14, 2022.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council member Chaykosky stated:

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – ADDITIONS TO PARK

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Sporn to approve the following additions to the playground portion of the Athens Park:

A. Gaga Pit in the amount of $1300
B. 1 Tether Ball in the amount of $527

C. 4 Grills in the amount of $1700
D. 2 11'x13' Pavilions within the Park

Council members began to discuss the safety of children and liability issues that a couple of these new additions could cause the Park. Therefore, President Pro Tem Sporn rescinded her motion to second the purchases of these new additions.

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Williams to approve the following additions to the playground portion of the Park:

A. Gaga Pit in the amount of $1300
B. 1 Tether Ball in the amount of $527
C. 4 Grills in the amount of $1700
D. 2 11'x13' Pavilions within the Park

Nays for Tetherball: Sporn, Chaykosky
Motion carried.

DESIGN PROPOSAL – PAVILIONS – ATHENS PARK

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Sporn that the design proposal from AJH Design in the amount of $2000 for the engineered plans to construct two 11'x13' pavilions in the Athens Park be accepted. Motion carried.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Smith stated:

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

MAYOR ROUPP

HOMECOMING PARADE

The Athens School District's Homecoming Parade will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 6:00PM.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on September 12, 2022.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the meeting be adjourned at 8:24PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary