

MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular and teleconference session on April 12, 2021, Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: President Scott Riley, Vice-President Robert Williams, President Pro Tem Matthew Patton, Council members Walter Chaykosky, Scott Molnar, Jeffrey Nason, Sharon Sporn 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 conducted via teleconference and regular session per the Emergency Declaration. Please state your last name when making motions and please refrain from speaking unless you are addressing your Committee subjects. If you have a recording device please announce so at this time as this meeting is also being tape recorded to assist the Borough Secretary when completing the Minutes.

PRESS

The Morning Times announced they were tape recording the meeting.

PUBLIC

No one present.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Patton and seconded by Williams that the April 2021 monthly bills be approved as follows:

General Fund **\$49,555.48**
Sewer Fund **\$9,510.55**
Fire Fund **\$993.50** – Loan Payment #13

AYES: Chaykosky, Molnar, Nason, Patton, Sporn, Williams, Riley

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

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It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Nason that the minutes of the teleconference / regular meeting on March 08, 2021 be approved as written. Motion carried.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Molnar that the Veteran's Exemption request of Jason E Bobowski, 103 W Orchard Street effective January 01, 2021 be approved. The Bradford County Commissioners granted the exempt status on March 11, 2021. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO SPALDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

It was moved by Patton and seconded by Nason that Shirley Blakeman, 102 W Pine Street be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Spalding Memorial Library Board. The term ends on December 31, 2021 and renews annually. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Riley called for an Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Real Estate issues.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Vice-President Williams stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on April 06, 2021.

2021 PAVING PROJECT

The Secretary-Treasurer opened and read bids for the 2021 Paving Project at 3:00PM on March 21, 2021.

BIDS FOR LETTING OF
March 31, 2021 @ 3:00PM
2021 Milling and Paving Project

NAME OF BIDDER

AMOUNT

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| 1. | Bishop Brothers Construction
1376 Leisure Drive
Towanda PA 18848 | \$154,716.00 |
| 2. | FAHS Construction
2224Pierce Creek Rd.
Binghamton NY. 13903 | \$215,781.20 |
| 3. | Dalrymple Gravel & Contracting Co
2105 South Broadway
Pine City NY 14871 | \$150,293.80 |
| 4. | Glenn O Hawbaker
29293 Route 220
Milan PA 18831 | 153,328.00 |

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Molnar that Dalrymple Gravel & Contraction Co be awarded the 2021 Paving Project bid in the amount of \$150,293.80. Motion carried.

POSTING AND BONDING ORDINANCE

The Borough Manager and Council held a brief discussion regarding an issue with the current Posting and Bonding Ordinance for the streets in the Borough. This topic was tabled until the May Council meeting.

POLICE COMMITTEE

President Pro Tem Patton stated:

The Police Chief’s monthly report was made available to Council on April 06, 2021.

Month of March	<u>Monthly Report</u>	Total for the Year
87	<u>Total Number of Calls:</u>	270
4	<u>Felony Arrests:</u>	5
1	<u>Misdemeanor Arrests:</u>	3
0	<u>Non-Traffic Arrests:</u>	0
0	<u>Traffic Citations:</u>	3
11	<u>Traffic Reports:</u>	51
0	<u>Parking Warnings:</u>	0
10	<u>Parking Tickets:</u>	10

Mileage

316	2013 Tahoe	103,377 Overall
1,426	2017 Tahoe	47,910 Overall
782	2019 Tahoe	19,609 Overall

District Court:

5	Total Cases:	7
1	Criminal Cases:	4
0	Traffic Cases:	0
0	Non-traffic Cases:	0
6	PFA Violations	11

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – FULL TIME PATROL OFFICER

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the Civil Service Commission be authorized to proceed with accepting applications for the position of Full Time Patrol Officer. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – CHIEF OF POLICE

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Chaykosky that the current Memorandum of Understanding between the Police Chief and Borough of Athens be extended with an expiration date of October 01, 2023. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Council member Sporn stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on March 15, 2021 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Council Member Molnar was elected President of the Shade Tree Commission and announced there is a total of 16 trees scheduled to be planted this Fall.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Molnar stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on April 06, 2021.

Zoning Permits Issued: 5
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 9

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2021): 35

Contractor Permits through 04/12/2021:

Issued: 52 Pending: 2 Void: 0 Issued to Date(2021): 82

FEMA PRELIMINARY FLOOD MAP – UPDATE

Council held a brief discussion on the updated FEMA preliminary flood map for the Borough. No action was needed.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Council member Chaykosky stated:

PARK – ATHENS LITTLE LEAGUE

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Sporn that the Athens Little League are authorized to have use of the Athens Park Ball Field for the 2021 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 proof of insurance; any other users will be required to provide the same. Motion carried.

VALLEY PLAYLAND REBUILD

The playland rebuild has been rescheduled for May 18 – 23, 2021 due to a delay in materials. The playland committee is seeking Volunteers for the project as the project is divided into three shifts per day with fifty volunteers needed per shift.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Nason stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for March was made available to Council on April 05, 2021.

2021 SUTPHEN FIRE TRUCK – CHANGE ORDER

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Williams that change order no. 1, Revision A, in the amount of \$14,697.04 for the 2021 Sutphen Fire Truck be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Williams that Act 13 funds be used for payment of the change order no. 1 for the 2021 Sutphen Fire Truck. Motion carried.

The delivery of the new fire truck is scheduled on April 17, 2021.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on April 12, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START: 7:27PM
STOP: 8:16PM

BOROUGH PROPERTY – REAL ESTATE ISSUE

Council member Chaykosky made a motion to deny David Arnold's request to purchase and take control of the Borough property adjacent to Mr. Arnold's existing property. The motion died for lack of a second. This real estate issue that was discussed in Executive Session is tabled until the May Council meeting in order for more information to be acquired.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE

Council member Nason asked Council to consider amending the Animal Ordinance to allow Pygmy Goats.

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ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

Tara R. Campbell, Secretary