

MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular and teleconference session on August 09, 2021, Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: President Scott Riley, President Pro Tem Matthew Patton, Council members Walter Chaykosky, Scott Molnar and Sharon Sporn.

Absent: Vice-President Robert Williams, Council members Jeffrey Nason 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 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

No one present.

PUBLIC

No one present wished to address Council.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

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

General Fund	<u>\$96,710.56</u>
Sewer Fund	<u>\$114,794.57</u>
Fire Fund	<u>\$828.28</u> – Loan Payment #18

AYES: Chaykosky, Molnar, Patton, Sporn, Riley

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Nason, Williams

Motion carried.

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It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Chaykosky that the minutes of the teleconference / regular meeting on July 12, 2021 be approved as written. Motion carried.

PWD NEW HIRE – LABORER

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Molnar that Tyler Bauman be hired for the position of Public Works Department Laborer effective August 23, 2021. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Patton that the resignation of Donna Walters, Administrative Assistant effective October 21, 2021 be accepted. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Chaykosky that the Borough Manager be authorized to advertise the position of Administrative Assistant. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

President Riley stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on August 09, 2021.

POLICE COMMITTEE

President Pro Tem Patton stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on August 03, 2021.

Month of July	<u>Monthly Report</u>	Total for the Year
105	<u>Total Number of Calls:</u>	670
1	<u>Felony Arrests:</u>	8
6	<u>Misdemeanor Arrests:</u>	13
1	<u>Non-Traffic Arrests:</u>	3
3	<u>Traffic Citations:</u>	9
2	<u>Traffic Reports:</u>	79
0	<u>Parking Warnings:</u>	0
0	<u>Parking Tickets:</u>	10
 <u>Mileage</u> 		
142	2013 Tahoe	104,237 Overall
1,528	2017 Tahoe	54,030 Overall
687	2019 Tahoe	22,424 Overall
 <u>District Court:</u> 		
3	Total Cases:	30
1	Criminal Cases:	15
1	Traffic Cases:	7
1	Non-traffic Cases:	3
0	PFA Violations	30

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Council member Sporn stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on July 19, 2021 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2021 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

WEBSITE

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Chaykosky that the Borough Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with PSAB for the development and implementation of a borough website with an annual base fee in the amount of \$389 per year. Motion carried.

SHADE TREE GRANT

The Borough manager submitted the preliminary grant application for the Tree Pennsylvania Bare Root Tree Grant Program and is waiting on notification of award.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Molnar stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on July 28, 2021.

Zoning Permits Issued: 22
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 22

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2021): 61

Contractor Permits through 08/09/2021:

Issued: 90 Pending: 3 Void: 1 Issued to Date (2021): 8890

PARKS AND RECREATION

Council member Chaykosky stated:

VALLEY PLAYLAND

No bids were received for the Security Surveillance System for the Valley Playland Park.

TEAOGA SQUARE BRICKS / PAVERS

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Molnar that the Borough Manager be authorized to seek out information on landscaping ideas to change the brick and paver layout at Teaoga Square. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE

Solicitor Foster will be drafting a change to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance.

FIRE COMMITTEE

President Riley stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for June was made available to Council on August 03, 2021.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on August 09, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START: 7:25PM
STOP: 7:51PM

“LIVE-STREAM” OF THE CAMERA SYSTEM AT THE VALLEY PLAYLAND PARK

President Riley called for a motion to have a “live-stream” of the camera system at the Valley Playland Park to be available for Public viewing. This topic died due to a lack of a motion.

SALE OF REC CENTER

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Molnar that President Riley be authorized to sign the sale agreement with the Central Bradford Progress Authority for the sale of the Rec Center located at 101 Satterlee Street contingent upon any other changes. Motion carried.

PLAY BY DESIGN – LETTER

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Patton that Solicitor Foster be authorized to send a response letter to Play By Design denying their request for additional payment of \$10,345.69 for their additional cost of the materials of the awarded bid for the Valley Playland Project. Motion carried.

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ADJOURN

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Molnar that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Tara R. Campbell, Secretary