

MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular and teleconference session on January 11, 2021, Council Chambers, Athens Borough Municipal Building.

Present: Vice-President Scott Riley, President Pro Tem Robert Williams, Council members Walter Chaykosky, Scott Molnar, Jeffrey Nason, Matthew Patton and Mayor Francis Roupp III.

Mayor Roupp led in the Salute to the Flag.

Vice-President Riley called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Vice-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 wished to address Council.

VICE-PRESIDENT RILEY

RESIGNATION

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Patton that the resignation of Council member William Cotton effective January 04, 2021 be accepted. Motion carried.

COUNCIL VACANCY

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Nason that the Borough Manager be authorized to accept letters of interest from residents to serve the remaining term of Mr. Cotton, through 12/31/2021. Letter if interest shall be submitted to Athens Borough Council no later than February 04, 2021. Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Chaykosky that the Supplemental December 2020 monthly bills be approved as follows:

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General Fund **\$17,338.63**
Sewer Fund **\$340.66**
Library Fund **\$1,430.98**

AYES: Chaykosky, Molnar, Nason, Patton, Riley, Williams
NAYES: None
Motion carried.

MONTHLY BILLS

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

General Fund **\$43,213.94**
Sewer Fund **\$78,041.40**
Fire Fund **\$887.59** – Loan Payment #10

AYES: Chaykosky, Molnar, Nason, Patton, Riley, Williams
NAYES: None
Motion carried.

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It was moved by Nason and seconded by Chaykosky that the minutes of the teleconference / regular meeting on December 14, 2020 be approved as written. Motion carried.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was not requested.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Vice-President Riley stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report was made available to Council on January 07, 2021.

Vice-President Riley thanked all Borough personnel for their work performance during the snow storm and potential high water event.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

President Pro Tem Williams stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on January 07, 2021.

SNOW REMOVAL EVENT

The Athens Borough Public Works Department as well as the Athens Borough Council wish to extend our gratitude to Johnson's Farm for their assistance during the December 16th – 17th snow storm. President Pro Tem Williams also thanked the Public Works Department and Borough Manager on a job well done clearing the streets in town.

TASK ORDER NO. 4 – PENNDOT SR 199 PROJECT

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Patton that task order no. 4 submitted by GHD for the PennDOT SR 199 Project estimating \$73,194.00 be approved. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Council member Patton stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on January 07, 2021.

Zoning Permits Issued: 0
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 30

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2020): 86

Contractor Permits through 12/31/2020:

Issued: 116 Pending: 4 Void: 0 Issued to Date: 2

POLICE COMMITTEE

Council member Molnar stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on January 07, 2021.

Month of December	Monthly Report	Total for the Year
95	<u>Total Number of Calls:</u>	1542
1	<u>Felony Arrests:</u>	6
0	<u>Misdemeanor Arrests:</u>	23
0	<u>Non-Traffic Arrests:</u>	5
0	<u>Traffic Citations:</u>	20
18	<u>Traffic Reports:</u>	186
0	<u>Parking Warnings:</u>	7
0	<u>Parking Tickets:</u>	13
 <u>Mileage</u>		
209	2013 Tahoe	102,369 Overall
960	2017 Tahoe	44,259 Overall
323	2019 Tahoe	18,160 Overall
 <u>District Court:</u>		
2	Total Cases:	64
2	Criminal Cases:	28
0	Traffic Cases:	20
0	Non-traffic Cases:	11
0	PFA Violations	5

WORKSHOP MEETING – POLICE CONSOLIDATION

Council discussed dates for the next Workshop meeting with Athens Township to continue discussing Police Consolidation. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January, 18, 2021 at 5:00PM at the Athens Area School District Administration Building.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Council member Chaykosky stated:

BRICKS/PAVERS – TEOGA SQUARE

A brief discussion was held regarding the fee schedule for the cost of a brick or paver for Teaoga Square. Council discussed leaving the cost of the brick at \$55.00 and changing the cost of an 8x8 granite pave from \$100 to \$200 as the cost to the Borough has increased.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 1

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Patton that Resolution No. 2021 – 1 increasing the cost of the granite paver in the Teaoga Square Brick/Paver Program be adopted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 1

AND NOW, this 11th day of January, 2021, the Borough of Athens at a duly advertised meeting of the Borough Council adopts the foregoing Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Athens, is a body corporate and politic existing by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (hereinafter referred to as "ATHENS BOROUGH"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Athens desires to schedule fees for the sale of a brick or a granite paver as part of the Teaoga Square Brick / Granite Paver Program ;

WHEREAS, Teaoga Square is a natural hub of activity downtown and the focal point of Athens Borough, for residents and visitors alike. The Program was developed to raise funds for on-going additions and maintenance of the Square, as well as a way for the people of the area to become involved in this exciting community project, by making donations to the Teaoga Square fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following schedule of fees shall be utilized in the administration of the Borough of Athens as follows:

**TEAOGA SQUARE
BRICK / GRANITE PAVER PROGRAM**

4X8 BRICK PAVER

COST - \$55.00 UP TO 2 LINES AT 14 CHARACTERS PER LINE.

8X8 GRANITE PAVER

COST - \$200.00 UP TO 4 LINES AT 14 CHARACTERS PER LINE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Athens Borough Council on January 11, 2021 approves the foregoing Resolution as set forth above to be effective on January 11, 2021.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 11th day of January, 2021.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Council member Nason stated:

The Shade Tree Commission will meet on January 18, 2021 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on January 11, 2021.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Patton that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Tara R. Campbell, Secretary