

## MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular and teleconference session on March 08, 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.

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**

Not present.

### **PUBLIC**

Kirstie Lake, Athens Township Chairperson presented Council with a preliminary budget in reference to the discussed Regional Police Force comprised of Athens Borough and Athens Township.

### **PRESIDENT RILEY**

### **MONTHLY BILLS**

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

General Fund	<b><u>\$37,224.34</u></b>
Sewer Fund	<b><u>\$79,618.06</u></b>
Fire Fund	<b><u>\$801.69</u></b> – Loan Payment #12

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 3**

It was moved by Patton and seconded by Nason that Resolution No. 2021 – 3 designating the signers for the Borough bank accounts be adopted. Motion carried.

**CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Vice-President Williams stated:

The Public Work's Department report was made available to Council on March 08, 2021.

**2021 PAVING PROJECT**

It was moved by Patton and seconded by Williams that the Borough Manager be authorized to advertise the 2021 Paving Project consisting of an estimated 8,000 square yard of milling and 1,450 ton of 19.00mm asphalt. Motion carried.

**PWD RETIREMENT**

With Regret, Vice-President Williams announced the retirement request of Donald Homan.

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Chaykosky that Donald Homan's requested retirement date of August 27, 2021 be accepted. Motion carried.

Vice-President Williams asked Council to keep in mind that the Borough will need to start the hiring process soon for another PWD employee.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

President Pro Tem Patton stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on March 01, 2021.

Month of February	<u>Monthly Report</u>	Total for the Year
79	<u>Total Number of Calls:</u>	183
0	<u>Felony Arrests:</u>	1
1	<u>Misdemeanor Arrests:</u>	2
0	<u>Non-Traffic Arrests:</u>	1
2	<u>Traffic Citations:</u>	3
25	<u>Traffic Reports:</u>	40
0	<u>Parking Warnings:</u>	0
10	<u>Parking Tickets:</u>	10
	<u>Mileage</u>	
264	2013 Tahoe	103,061 Overall
1,120	2017 Tahoe	45,864 Overall
361	2019 Tahoe	18,827 Overall
	<u>District Court:</u>	
1	Total Cases:	2
2	Criminal Cases:	3
0	Traffic Cases:	0
0	Non-traffic Cases:	0
3	PFA Violations	5

**36<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GUTHRIE GALLOP**

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Williams that the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Guthrie Gallop 5K/10K race scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 8:00AM be approved. Motion carried.

**POUND THE GROUND FOR ULTRASOUND WALK/RUN**

It was moved by Nason and seconded by Williams that the Pound the Ground for Ultrasound 5K/10K Trail Walk/Run sponsored by the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Center scheduled for Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 7:00AM to 12:00PM be approved. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT**

Council member Sporn stated:

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Council member Molnar stated:

The Zoning Officer's monthly report was made available to Council on March 01, 2021.

Zoning Permits Issued: 4  
Zoning Permits Denied: 0  
Zoning Permits to Date: 4

**Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:**

Total to Date (2021): 56

**Contractor Permits through 02/28/2021:**

Issued: 28    Pending: 14    Void: 0    Issued to Date(2021): 30

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Council member Chaykosky stated:

**VALLEY PLAYLAND REBUILD**

The playland rebuild has been rescheduled for May 18 – 23, 2021 due to a delay in materials.

**FIRE COMMITTEE**

Council member Nason stated:

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Riley called for a motion to approve the Council Email Procedures dated March 08, 2021. It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Molnar that the Council Email Procedures be adopted. Motion carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised Council there's a vacancy on the Spalding Memorial Library Committee due to the sudden passing of David May.

**SOLICITOR**

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on March 08, 2021.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**START:**        7:57PM                                **STOP:**        9:30PM

**LETTER TO ATHENS TOWNSHIP – CEASE DISCUSSION**

It was moved by Sporn and seconded by Chaykosky that President Riley be authorized to send a letter to Athens Township Supervisors advising them that the Borough Council has decided to cease discussions with them in reference to the Police Consolidation Study between Athens Borough and Athens Township.

NAYS: Molnar  
Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Nason that the meeting be adjourned at 9:32PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Tara R. Campbell, Secretary