

MINUTES

The Athens Borough Council met in regular and teleconference session on May 10, 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

Marjorie Ross, 205 E Frederick Street, member of the Fireworks Task Force in the Valley reminded Council of the issue with fireworks and requesting Council look into joining neighboring Municipalities and adopting a Resolution supporting limiting the times for firework use in Athens Borough.

David Arnold, 127 Elm Street stated his support for firework use during family gatherings in the summer.

PRESIDENT RILEY

MONTHLY BILLS

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

General Fund **\$111,606.98**
Sewer Fund **\$136,403.10**
Fire Fund **\$858.96** – Loan Payment #14

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

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

SHESHEQUIN HALF PATH MARATHON

It was moved by Chaykosky and seconded by Molnar that the Sheshequin Half Path Marathon scheduled to take place on or before October 02, 2021 be approved. 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 May 06, 2021.

RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 630

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that Ordinance No. 630, Posting and Bonding, Weight Limits of Borough streets be rescinded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE BUILDING

The Borough Manager and Council held a brief discussion regarding the need to renovate / repair / upkeep the maintenance building. The estimated cost is +-\$30,000 and the Borough Manager will obtain quotes.

POLICE COMMITTEE

President Pro Tem Patton stated:

The Police Chief's monthly report was made available to Council on May 04, 2021.

Month of April	<u>Monthly Report</u>	Total for the Year
100	<u>Total Number of Calls:</u>	370
1	<u>Felony Arrests:</u>	6
1	<u>Misdemeanor Arrests:</u>	4
0	<u>Non-Traffic Arrests:</u>	0
1	<u>Traffic Citations:</u>	4
11	<u>Traffic Reports:</u>	62
0	<u>Parking Warnings:</u>	0
0	<u>Parking Tickets:</u>	10

<u>Mileage</u>		
175	2013 Tahoe	103,552 Overall
1,520	2017 Tahoe	48,430 Overall
556	2019 Tahoe	20,165 Overall

<u>District Court:</u>		
3	Total Cases:	10
1	Criminal Cases:	8
1	Traffic Cases:	5
1	Non-traffic Cases:	1
0	PFA Violations	11

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – FULL TIME PATROL OFFICER

The Civil Service Commission will meet on May 26, 2021 at 3:00PM to approve the dates of the Civil Service Process to hire a Full Time Patrol Officer.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Council member Sporn stated:

The Shade Tree Commission met on April 19, 2021 at 6:00PM at the Athens Borough Municipal Building. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 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 May 03, 2021.

Zoning Permits Issued: 14
Zoning Permits Denied: 0
Zoning Permits to Date: 14

Property Maintenance Violation Notices Issued:

Total to Date (2021): 43

Contractor Permits through 05/10/2021:

Issued: 64 Pending: 20 Void: 0 Issued to Date (2021): 64

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. 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.

Vice-President Williams announced that he and Mayor Roupp are Project Crew Leaders and would appreciate any and all help during the build.

FIRE COMMITTEE

Council member Nason stated:

The Fire Department's monthly report for April was made available to Council on May 04, 2021.

SOLICITOR

The Solicitor's report was made available to Council on May 07, 2021.

Chief Chandler and Asst. Chief Polzella extended an invitation for Council to step outside to look over the new fire truck and Council obliged before entering Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

START: 7:32PM
STOP: 8:55PM

HOMETOWN HEROES BANNERS

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn to raise the cost of the Hometown Heroes Banners to \$185. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT PROCESS – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LABORER

It was moved by Molnar and seconded by Williams that the Borough Manager be authorized to start the hiring process for a Laborer for the Public Works Department due to the retirement of Don Homan in August. Motion carried.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – REAL ESTATE ISSUE

It was moved by Patton and seconded by Nason that Solicitor Foster Jr be authorized to draft a letter to Mr. David Arnold denying his request to purchase and take control of the Borough property adjacent to his existing property. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Sporn that the meeting be adjourned at 8:57PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Tara R. Campbell, Secretary