

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Athens Township Trustees

Regular

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held At the Township Hall November 22, 2022²⁰

Brenda Cox, Fiscal Officer, called the meeting to order and present were Ted Linscott, Steve Pierson, and Brian Baker. Also in attendance were Road Foreman Jerrimy Marcum, PVFD Fire Chief Mickey West, Helen King (Athens League of Women Voters), Diane Sharpe Burkart, and Bruce Hurley.

Mr. Baker motioned, seconded by Mr. Linscott, to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on November 8, 2022 as amended by the fiscal officer to reflect the correct date. All voted yes. Mr. Baker motioned and Mr. Linscott seconded the motion to accept the fiscal officer's financial reports and account balances as presented. All voted yes.

Diane Sharpe Burkart, resident of 6733 Luhrig Road, was present to inform the board she had complied with their letter requesting her to remove items that were encroaching on the township right-of-way for which the board had received complaints regarding the items impeding their view of the roadway. The board directed Jerrimy Marcum, Road Foreman, to put some road salt on the remaining tree stumps to help kill the roots. She requested the board purchase her property so that the roadway could be widened and straightened. She suggested she would like \$60,000.00 for the property, but would be willing to negotiate. The board will take it into consideration and review the possible options.

Mickey West reported that Caleb O'Brien, firefighter, had a seizure at the fire station following a fire and that he had to have stitches on his head. The board advised Mickey to make sure an incident report is prepared. Mr. Pierson reported he sent the fire report to Ms. Charney that she requested for her insurance provider for the garage fire she experienced in late summer. Mr. Linscott once again reminded Mickey to keep the run reports up to date and filed with the state as required by law.

Mr. Linscott compiled a list of proposed improvements to the park community building which he estimated at a cost of \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. He indicated he would like to put out bids for the improvements to determine the actual cost of the projects. Mr. Baker motioned and Mr. Pierson seconded the motion authorizing Mr. Linscott to put together a bid document and seek bids for the improvements. Mr. Pierson requested discussion before calling for the vote regarding whether or not General Funds or ARPA Funds would be used to make the improvements. After discussion all voted yes. Mr. Pierson reminded the board that the MOU between the township and the Lions Club has not yet been signed. He advised the board that he forwarded the MOU to Tammy Blake, Lions President, but had not yet heard back from her.

Jerrimy asked the board about selling the mower boom arm as another township still would like to purchase it. Mr. Linscott motioned and Mr. Baker seconded the motion to approve Resolution #11-22-2022A to dispose of property not needed for public use any longer. All voted yes. Regarding selling of the small truck, Mr. Pierson will advertise for bids for the truck on the township website. Jerrimy discussed the possibility of purchasing a Hotbox from Southeastern Equipment. The price of a new one is approximately \$40,000.00. Mr. Baker voiced his opinion stating that the county engineer's office has one and it worth the price. They use it all the timer. Mr. Linscott motioned and Mr. Baker seconded the motion to purchase a new 4-ton KM8000T hotbox from Southeastern Equipment for a price not to exceed \$40,000.00. All voted yes.

Regarding the recent paving update from the Athens County Commissioners for the Sanitary Sewer Project, Mr. Linscott advised the board he sent an email to the commissioners, engineer, and contractor to state the township is not stopping them from paving, but that the weather must meet ODOT standards. When they were going to pave it was too cold to do so.

Jerrimy met with Daniel McDonald, ODOT area engineer, regarding the drainage issues on Elm Street caused by the recent TAP project. He advised the board that they are going to do something to help with the Wise and Coy property issues.

Mr. Hodgson wants to install a 36-inch culvert off Roberts Road and he will use the township right-of-way request application prior to proceeding. They will install concrete head rails.

Mr. Pierson and Mr. Linscott sat in on another iWorQ public works software demonstration and were able to negotiate a better price from the company. The township can purchase it for \$4,000.00 per year for three years. Both Mr. Linscott and Mr. Pierson believe it would be a great way to track roadway work and projects. Mr. Linscott motioned and Mr. Pierson seconded the motion authorizing Mr. Pierson to sign the contract for the public works software from iWorQ for an amount of \$4,000.00 per year for three years. All voted yes. The board discussed whether or not they would need to purchase iPads for the employees to use. No decision was made regarding the iPads.

Mr. Linscott had to leave the meeting at 6:30 due to a prior commitment. The board agreed to finish the meeting without Mr. Linscott.

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Mr. Pierson reported on the Zoning Appeal Board meeting for 30 Johnson Road. Mr. Pierson stated the meeting became a bit heated and therefore he may ask the sheriff to send an officer to future Board of Zoning Appeals meetings.

A request was received from the Athens County Planner for the township to be the lead applicant for a Technical Assistance Grant from ODOT for the Johnson Road/Connett Road/Lemaster Road corridor. No decision was made at this time.

Mr. Pierson brought up employee compensation as Jerrimy Marcum asked him if the road crew would be getting a raise for 2023. The fiscal officer advised the board that health insurance is going up 4.9% for 2023 which is approximately \$200.00 more per month. The board will take that information into consideration before deciding about raises.

The OTA Winter Conference for 2023 will be January 25th through the 27th. Mr. Pierson will most likely attend.

Mr. Pierson motioned and Mr. Baker seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. as per ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, and invited the fiscal officer to attend. All voted yes.

Mr. Pierson motioned and Mr. Baker seconded the motion to return to Regular Session at 7:33 p.m. All voted yes.

The board discussed the 4.9% increase in health insurance, but decided they are happy with the health insurance and already receive a reduction since they are part of a larger pool. Mr. Pierson motioned and Mr. Baker seconded the motion to continue with the current health insurance for the road crew at the increased rate of 4.9%. All voted yes.

Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Pierson to approve the following payroll and expenditures and payments be made. All voted yes.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Amount, Vendor, Amount. Lists payroll and expenditures for various vendors like Winzer Corporation, Athens Hocking Recycling Centers, etc.

Total \$21,368.27

There were no reports of any missing signs.

Mr. Baker motioned and Mr. Pierson seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Cox, Fiscal Officer

Steven H. Pierson, Vice-Chairman

Ted Linscott, Chairman

Brian Baker, Trustee