

Athens Township, Athens County, Ohio

Board of Trustees Meeting in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 14, 2023
5:30 PM at the Athens Township Hall, 313 W. Union Street, Athens, Ohio 45701

(* Items requiring a vote

- Call to Order
- Roll Call of Officers
- Guests wishing to speak
- Approval of Minutes and Fund Account Balances
 - o Regular Meeting of February 28, 2023*

REGULAR BUSINESS

- The Plains Volunteer Fire Department
 - o Volunteer firefighter add/drop/demotion/promotion
 - o Equipment repairs update
 - o Training update
 - o Disposition of boat motor
 - o 2023 pay resolution for fire chief – *Ohio Revised Code §505.38*
- The Plains Community Park - Anthony Kimball, liaison
 - o MOU revisions
 - o Lighting at shelter house – Trout Electric
 - o Park entry sign and soffit damage caused by wind on March 4 repaired March 5-6, 2023
- Road Foreman’s report/comment/public road matters - Jerrimy Marcum, Road Supervisor
 - o IWorQ Public Works software training session
 - o Luhrig Road erosion
 - o Bridge work on Hooper Road
 - o Request of resident for stop sign on E. 1st Street at S. McDonald Street

ZONING REPORT – Steve Pierson, Athens Township Trustee

- 15 Ohio Avenue, failure to comply with an “Order to Comply” – letter issued by Athens City Prosecutor
- 2023 Right-of-Way permits issued: Electric - 5, Gas - 0, Communication cable - 0, Culvert – 0, Mailbox – 0, Driveway – 0
- 2023 Zoning Certificates issued: Manufactured home - 1, Fence -2, Residential Accessory Structure - 0, Residential addition – 0, Deck - 0, Commercial addition - 0, Parking space - 0, Commercial Sign -0, Refusal - 0, Withdrawn – 0, Referral to BZA- 2, Zoning Compliance letter -1
- 2023 Notice of Violation issued - 15 Order to Comply issued – 2 Forwarded to Prosecutor – 0 Informational Notices - 27

OLD BUSINESS

- 6757 Luhrig Road – fire damaged property
 - Follow-up email sent March 9, 2023
- Request for legal opinion - *Athens Township Zoning Code §7.01 (4)* conflict with *ORC §519.19*
 - Follow-up email sent March 9, 2023
- Request of Athens County Engineer regarding “Hidden Drive” and ‘Children Playing’ signs
 - Follow-up email sent March 9, 2023... response March 10, 2023
- Locate park benches from The Athens Village at Plains Community Park

- US Census Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS), modify CDP The Plains boundaries
 - Conversation with Stuart Neal, Dover Township Trustee
- Discussion regarding bid package for improvements at The Plains Community Park main building
- Landbank contract awarded for demolition of 3 Elm Street Engle Excavation, Frankfort, OH
 - Landbank meets March 15, 2023 in Nelsonville at 11:00 AM
- Contract renewed with SOPEC (email from Mat Roberts/SOPEC Director of Marketing)
 - Hard copy forwarded to Fiscal Officer
- Catlin Harley, ODOT Highway Safety Program - Active Transportation Manager
 - Development assistance grant for active transportation planning denied/unfunded

NEW BUSINESS

- Cemetery clean-up – traditionally 1st Monday in April
- Township-wide spring clean-up – traditionally 1st weekend in May
- Open sided pole barn for covered equipment storage – *Ohio Revised Code §1521.13 (B)*

OFFICER’S REPORTS AND/OR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Ted Linscott
- Brian Baker
- Steve Pierson
- Brenda Cox

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed):

- Pursuant to *Ohio Revised Code §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.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 5:30 PM, Athens Township Hall, 313 W. Union Street