

**ATHENS TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes– January 5, 2016**  
**Athens Town Hall**

The Athens Town Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 in the Athens Town Hall.

Members present were, Lisa Jennings, Charles Abraham Lilly, Roger Lokay, Timothy Pike, and John David Smith.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion by Lilly second by Jennings, Council approved the Minutes of December 15, 2015 without objection.

**CITIZENS INPUT:**

Mr. Josh Oliver appeared before Council to discuss the potential changes to the street name for the addition of Wellswood (road veering to the right). County EMS is requesting the change so that they can respond more quickly to calls in this area. After discussion, it seemed the most logical name change would be to Wellswood Addition (following an existing naming convention). Further, it was felt that since mail is received at a PO Box, the assigning of different house numbers would not be too disruptive.

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS QUARTERLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** – Public Safety report tabled.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Speed Limit Radar Trailer – Lilly followed up and is awaiting information from WV-DOH as well as from Hinton as they have the active speed limit radar detection system.
- Progress, Recommendations, and Appointments of Committees – Pike will discuss mayoral appointments and suggestion at a future meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Associate Professor Jesse Richardson from WVU appeared before Council to discuss the Comprehensive Mercer County Plan/Town of Athens Comprehensive Plan. Professor Richardson explained that the Land Use and Zoning Plan must be updated every ten years. In developing the Plan, Richardson suggested we recognize where we are now as a town and then where we want to be in ten years, crystalized into a vision statement. As the Athens Planning and Zoning Commission begins with a SWOT analysis, the plan should have input from all constituencies. The Athens Planning and Zoning Commission recommended and Council agreed that Athens complete a separate plan from that of the county.

**OTHER BUSINESS, MAYORAL REPORTS, COUNCIL MEMBER INPUT:**

Pike plans and opportunities related to the Athens website. Pike will provide more information to Council.

**APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS (Action on Accounts):**

On a motion by Lokay, second by Lilly, Council approved the current bills.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Nothing further appearing, Pike made a motion to adjourn, Lokay seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8: 2935 pm.

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Tim Pike, Mayor

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John David Smith, Recorder