

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
January 5, 2015 at the Town Hall**

Board members present: Lyle Reynolds, Barb Kilpatrick, Jan Palmer, David Beckstrom, Chris Olson, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Staff Jim Braun

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, Russ & Ann Mann, Steve & Angie Fennell, Bill Anderson, Craig Bjorklund, Mike Warring, Carolyn Braun, Jacqui Baker

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived, due to Board of Reorganization meeting.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:

- Jim will contact the residents of Rum River Drive that have not installed the new mailboxes.
- Jim will send invoices to people who have not paid for their new mailboxes.
- Jim will send prices to Dave for No Parking signs.

Approve Agenda

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Dave Beckstrom to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

- 2 permits were carried into January.
- Inspections are up to date.
- The PC meeting is moved to January 22 at 7. There will be a public hearing regarding the Mickelson issue/amendment to town code.
- A lot split/modification was done for Dale LaRoche.
M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to appoint Marlys Balfany, Dave Henderson, and Jake Carpenter to 3 year terms on the Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.
- Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- 245th has been used and maintained for 6 years. It will need to be added to the township roads map. We have the 17 feet of the road and 12 feet on each side for snow storage, 41 feet total.
M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to get a survey for a legal description for a resolution, not to exceed 1000.00. Motion passed unanimously. We will contact Passe Engineering. Further discussion was tabled until the survey is received.
- On 267th, a survey marker was taken out and needs to be replaced. Lyle will check and it will be replaced in the spring.
- Some gravel was lost due to plowing before frost, with the early snow storm.

Fire

- Sue Larson is no longer Fire Rep for city of Isanti. Steve Lundeen is now the Fire Board Rep for Isanti.
- Isanti is still concerned with the Super Majority and the Formula for figuring premiums for the fire district.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 36,913.36.
- No meeting was held this month.

Clerk's Report

- The Board of Reorganization was published.
- All oaths have been administered.
- All year end forms are completed for the upcoming Board of Audit.
- Diane will prepare a perpetual calendar for the township.
- Diane will post the Board of Audit for prior to the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Chris Olson/ Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5166-5187 plus IRS totaling \$17,625.21). Motion passed unanimously.

- A discussion was held about the winery ordinance. Dave Beckstrom is on a county task force.
- There are keys for the outside sign in the office is someone wants to put something up on it.
- Jim will research a new taping system to record township meetings.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

_____ Date _____