

## **Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held January 9, 2017 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Ron Schlieff, Mike Warring, Diane Bjorklund, Cindy Reynolds, Russ & Ann Mann, Steve Hass

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived due to the Board of Reorganization meeting.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Dave Beckstrom to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review Action Items**

Action items were reviewed. Remaining was getting quotes for updating the electricity at the town hall.

### **Approve Agenda**

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

### **Planning and Zoning**

-A slow month for permits as they were cut off early due to year end. Jim has already started some for 2017.

-There is a cleanup issue on 269<sup>th</sup>, at least nine vehicles. Jim will send a certified letter.

-A pole building on Packard has increased in size, no permit being obtained. Jim will send them a letter.

- Jim has gotten word of a homeless person living in a travel trailer in the woods and a couple living in a barn. He will check it out.
- Scot is having shoulder surgery on December 19. Jim will cover the inspections for him.
- Jim submitted the noxious weed report.
- Inspections are up to date.
- The Cox annexation will be added to next month's agenda. Jan has contacted MAT about our township rights. We have concerns about road safety.
- Lyle gave a county update.

### **Roads**

- Ron Schleif brought up the issue of plowing drifting snow. Discussion was held.
- The roads were etched after the ice storm, which seemed to work better than salt and sand.
- Mailboxes were discussed. Waiting for spring.
- There is a street sign gone on 265<sup>th</sup> and Rum.
- No watershed report.
- No Hwy 65 report.

### **Fire**

- Al hired an assistant that is living at Fire Station 3. He is a great guy and getting a lot of work done on the station.
- The gear for the firefighters is outdated. We have purchased some used gear for about half the cost of new gear.
- The rodeo donated awards for retiring firefighters.

### **Parks**

- The balance in the park fund is 25,128.91.
- Russ gave an update on the construction of the new bathrooms.
- No meetings were held in November or December.

### **Clerk's Report**

- The Board of Audit meeting will be held at 6:30 prior to the February Board meeting.
- Diane verified all accounts before our conversion to CTAS 8.
- Marlys and Diane updated all Funds, Account numbers, and Object codes to be compatible with the new CTAS.
- Changed to the new CTAS and verified all 2016 ledger entries to verify that they converted correctly.
- All oath of office forms were completed, along with certificates of election.
- Diane gave dates for the Board of Review and Spring and Summer short courses.

### **Treasurer's Report**

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5929-5949 plus IRS totaling \$19,598.93). Motion passed unanimously.

- Marlys gave a budget update.
- Marlys brought up the issue of the 2018 Levy for the annual meeting. Recommendations will be finalized next month.
- CTAS conversion is complete.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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