

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held February 4, 2019 at the Town Hall

Board members present: Barb Kilpatrick, Chris Olson, Dave Beckstrom, Todd Christensen, Amy Peterson, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, and Ryan Grittman

Guests: Steve Hass, Curt Carpenter, Billy Larson, Steve Balfany, Dave Henderson, Lyle Reynolds, Andy Schreder, Mike Warring, Linda Fransen, James Fransen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived, due to the Board of Audit meeting preceding this one.

M/S Todd Christensen/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. None remained.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

-There was no P&Z meeting in January.

-A discussion was held about the comp plan. Marlys let the board know that Don Sparks and George McCracken were on the comp plan board before. Other resident suggestions were brought up. It is on the P&Z agenda for February.

-Ryan gave an update on the camper issue. He sent them a letter on January 10th, giving them 30 days from the receipt of the letter.

Andy tried to do an inspection, but no one was home. The Franzens were in attendance at the meeting. There was a discussion held regarding camping, sewage disposal, permits, dogs, etc. They told the board that the broker who sold their home had not given them any money for it. They are waiting for payment to start building. The board gave them until the March meeting to determine if they are building and to get a permit. They also need to apply for a CUP. Ryan will send a follow up letter outlining what they need to do.

-A discussion was held about Isanti Estates. Many codes go back to the department of health, but the township does have some jurisdiction. Andy stated that the township issues permits for new trailers, hook ups to water, etc. Ryan will contact the owner of the trailer park.

-A discussion was held about possible rezoning of the Johnson property to commercial. Dave will contact Nancy about it.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Lots of plowing activity this month.

-We have been using a sand rock mix on gravel roads during ice storms, much cheaper.

-Things to consider for the spring road review:

Striping Xylite and 265th

Mailboxes – 40.00 plus mileage for each mailbox

-East Bethel is back pedaling on the 245th offer

-A discussion was held regarding road quotes. Chris will update the requirements and then the board will decide whether to post.

Fire

-Talks were held about upgrading trucks and gear. There were also new budget discussions.

Parks8

- The balance in the park fund was 28,172.29.
- There will be no park meetings until spring.

Clerk's Report

- The board of Audit was posted and published.
- All year end reports were completed for the Board of Audit.
- The Board of Review meeting is scheduled for 4/15/19 with the assessor's office.
- The Spring Short courses are coming up in March for those who would like to attend.

Treasurer's Report

- For the 2020 levy, Marlys will start documents with 535,000.00. We would like to keep the levy the same.

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6681-6694 totaling 11,534.93). Motion passed unanimously.

- A check for 126.00 was returned. Andy collected it.
- Marlys gave a budget update.

Todd Christensen will take over cleanup day duties.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date
