

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held February 2, 2015 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, Russ & Ann Mann, Wendy Anderson, Mike Warring, Carolyn Braun, Curt Carpenter, Dave Henderson, Chris Caulk, Lance Olson

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

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 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 prices to Dave for No Parking signs.
- Jim will research a new recording system for recording meetings.

Jim has contacted Team electronics about the recording system. He is still exploring options.

Jim contacted Passe Engineering regarding 245th. They are preparing a legal description and drawing for 400.00. Half of the cost will be paid by East Bethel.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Chris Caulk gave us an update and introduced Lt. Lance Olson of the patrol division. He also inquired if Athens would be interested in hiring additional deputy patrol time, example 20 hours per week. He discussed costs and gave examples. He will send more information to Diane.

Planning and Zoning

- 3 permits were issued this month.
- Inspections are up to date.
- The PC minutes must be detailed in case of litigation.
- We have been issued a time extension in the Mickelson case.
- The state has changed the rules for state building codes. Our fees will be adjusted accordingly. There are now set fees for projects up to 10,000.00. After that, they are based on valuation of the project. Sewer permits will be increasing as well. Barb made us aware the soil and water has low interest rate loans available for septic systems.
- Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- Roads are in good winter driving condition.
- A citizen called with a compliment about how good our plowing is.

Fire

- Jan Palmer is now the chair of the Fire Board.

-Isanti is still concerned with the Super Majority and the Formula for figuring premiums for the fire district. These will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 37,682.09.
- No meeting was held this month.
- Jake Carpenter and Barb are working on the misters which will be installed in the spring.
- Russ made some CD's for selling ads for the ball fields.

Clerk's Report

- The Board of Audit was published.
- Diane prepared a perpetual calendar for the township. Some changes and additions will be made for next month.
- Diane will post the Annual Meeting.
- Spring short courses are March 24 and Summer short courses are June 15th.
- The Board of Review is set for April 22, 2015 at 7 PM.
- Township information has been updated with MAT and with Isanti County.
- An increasing discrepancy between the clerk's salary and the treasurer's salary was pointed out.
M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to increase the treasurer's salary for 2015 to 590.00 from 575.00. Motion passed unanimously.
- There is a disaster management meeting on March 11th and 12th.
M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson for Barb to attend. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Dave Beckstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution

Report (checks 5188-5206 plus IRS totaling \$16,196.29). Motion passed unanimously.

-The annual meeting levy was discussed. It was the feeling of the board to recommend that the levy remain the same for 2016.

-The outside sign needs to be repaired, as some of the lights are out. Barb will contact someone to fix it.

-Dave and Carolyn will figure out what it will take to get the Website up to date and running.

-Steve will prep the mower for spring and Barb will check with Chet to see if he will mow for us again this year.

-Jim mentioned the need for the township to be able to process credit cards. Dave suggested Pay Pal. Lyle will get info on credit card services and Dave will find out about Pay Pal.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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