

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held February 6, 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, Steve Hass, Jim Kilpatrick, Dave Henderson, Mary Gilbraith, Marilyn Stone

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 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 and sending the letter for the pole building addition without a permit.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

- Several permits were issued this month.
- We had a returned check for a building permit on 265th. Jim has issued a stop order and will lift it when it is paid.
- We would like to start cleanups earlier this year.
- Inspections are up to date.

- Jim will set a date for the board to meet with P&Z regarding redoing the Rural Tourism Ordinance.
- Dave and Jan have been working with Peter Tiede and MAT regarding the Cox annexation issue and the road. The road was not annexed along with the property by Isanti. We have several options open for consideration. Jan and Dave will try to meet with George Wimmer before a decision is made. We will discuss it further at the March meeting.
- Dave is having manuals printed for P&Z.
- Discussion was again held about reducing P&Z from 7 to 5 members. It was decided that the last one would be the first off. M/S Dave Beckstrom/ Chris Olson to reappoint Cindy Anderson and Dan Woodfill to P&Z for 3 year terms. Motion passed unanimously.
- Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- We have had a couple complaints and a couple of compliments on plowing this month.
- Phase II of the signs are completed.
- Legal requirements of mailboxes are now posted on the Website.
- Grader maintenance was discussed. The grader has almost 10,000 hours logged on it.
- Chris would like to get the gravel bids earlier this year and will bring posting to March meeting.
- No watershed report.
- Chris Olson gave a HWY 65 update, including election results and proposed projects that are upcoming.
- Lyle presented info on a possible grant for 911 signs.

Fire

- Jan gave an update on the annual meeting for the fire district. She will serve as chair again this year.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 27,758.10.
- Barb read an update on the construction of the new bathrooms from Russ.
- No meeting this month.

Clerk's Report

- Diane gave dates for the Board of Review and Spring and Summer short courses.
- Diane drafted an invoice for Cox.
- All year end accounting was completed for the Board of Audit meeting.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5950-5968 plus IRS totaling \$13,452.26). Motion passed unanimously.

- Marlys gave a budget update.
- Marlys brought up the issue of the 2018 Levy for the annual meeting. Recommendations were made to keep it at the same level for 2018. She also gave a recap of past years.
- Marlys updated pay rates from the Board of Reorganization meeting.

Dave Beckstrom brought up the issue of purchasing a wireless projector for the township. He will research it further.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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