

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
March 7, 2016 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, Ron Schleif, Steve Hass, Dave Henderson, Wendy Anderson, Rebecca Mauriala

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 February 1, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:

- Barb will check to see what portion of the parking lot repair should belong to Connexus.
- Chris will contact an engineer regarding 253rd.

Approve Agenda

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

Peter Tiede attended the meeting just to say thanks for our business and letting him have the privilege of representing the township.

Zach Lundberg-Station One Fire Captain – gave an update on 2015 Fire District.

Planning and Zoning

- Slow month for permits.
- Jim drove past some of the cleanup sites. Barb is going to take a tour of them with him.
- Inspections are up to date.
- A problem was noticed in the ordinance for saddle clubs while working on the tourism ordinance. It allows for special events and overnight camping.
M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to approve Interim Ordinance 2016-03 to protect the planning process while conducting studies to consider amendment of the zoning ordinance related to saddle clubs. Motion passed unanimously.
- Northside pumped the septic system at the town hall and it passed inspection.
- Discussion was held regarding Emerald Estates II. Notices have been sent out for the public hearing.
- Jan brought up that maybe the process concerning plats should be changed, which would require an ordinance change. This will be discussed further at the April meeting.
- Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- Marlys called MAT and gas tax funds can be used for the project to repair 253rd.
- Grader repairs are almost complete.
- Larch needs repairs – brought up by a citizen.
- There was no watershed report this month.

Fire

They are finishing another level at Station 3. A commercial kitchen will be there for community activities.

Zach gave the 2015 fire update.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 43,282.69.
- No meeting was held this month. They will begin again in March.
- The signing bonus from Crown Castle will go to parks.
- We are getting orders for ball field signs.

Clerk's Report

-Diane posted and published the Annual meeting for March 8, 2016 at 7 PM.

-Spring short course date is March 22 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud.

-Board of Appeals date is April 27 at 7 PM. All documents have been sent to the county.

-Gravel bids will be posted for the April meeting.

-Please have payroll claims to Marlys by March 29th.

-Road review is April 18th at 5:30.

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 5563-5578 plus IRS totaling \$10,372.06). Motion passed unanimously.

-Barb reported that Northside Septic found a break in the outside pipe and hopefully this will fix the problem we are having with the toilets.

-We need articles for the Newsletter.

-The panels are shrinking on the new desks. They will need to be fixed.

-Lyle handed out some price sheets for cleanup day. Chris will check prices with East Central Sanitation.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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