

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
April 4, 2016 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, Steve Hass, Dave Henderson, Ron Schlieff, Mike Warring, Don Mickelson, Steve Strandlund, Blake and Kaylee Bjorklund

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the March 7, 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.

Approve Agenda

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

-More permits are coming in this month, including one for a new house.

-Jim drove past some of the cleanup sites and stopped to notify some of them of cleanup day. He will notify 3 more.

- Inspections are up to date.
- P& Z will look at revisiting of ordinance for plats.
- The preliminary plat for Emerald Estates was voted on unanimously in favor by the planning commission with conditions outlined by Jim.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve Resolution 2016-03 approving the preliminary plat for Emerald Estates-second edition with the conditions outlined. Motion passed unanimously.

- Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- Lots of trash on the roads this month.
- Grading was started early because of the nice weather. The grader repairs are completed except for the new teeth.
- Gravel was put down at 245th and Larch.
- Chris is waiting to hear back from the engineer regarding 253rd.
- We received gravel bids from Knife River, Bjorklund's and Hass. Discussion was held.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to continue with Bjorklund's for the 2016 season, with periodic testing of the gravel for quality.

- Dave gave a HWY 65 report. Blaine and Braham have joined the coalition. The joint powers are being rewritten. They are also doing a survey of businesses that use Highway 65 for transport, to see what traffic conditions are costing them.
- There was no watershed report this month.

Fire

No fire report this month.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 46,916.72.

-No meeting was held this month. A meeting with soil and water is scheduled for Anderson Park on April 21st.

Clerk's Report

-Spring short courses were attended March 22 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud.

-All documentation from the Annual Meeting has been sent to the county, regarding levy being assessed for 2017.

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

-Gravel bids were posted for the April meeting.

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

-Legal Short Courses will be April 21st if anyone is interested in going.

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 5579-5627 plus IRS totaling \$63,359.42). Motion passed unanimously.

Dave is trying to finish the newsletter this week so it can be out before cleanup day.

Lyle handed out a price list for cleanup day. We decided to go with Evergreen Recycling.

Diane will post cleanup day with date, time, and items not accepted in the paper instead of posting the whole list, due to cost. Lyle will contact workers for cleanup day.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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