

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
April 3, 2017 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Mike Warring, Diane Bjorklund, Blake Bjorklund, Steve Hass, Jim Kilpatrick, Chris Caulk and other residents.

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

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the March 6, 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.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

- Permits are picking up as spring is nearing.
- We have twelve cleanups that Jim has identified, five remaining from last year.
- Inspections are up to date.
- A discussion was held about vandalism at South Isanti Auto.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to allow the construction of a six foot fence with barb wire or an eight foot fence, whichever the resident prefers. Motion passed unanimously.

-The issue of solar panels was raised. Carolyn has done an ordinance for another township. P&Z will look into the matter.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Chris Caulk gave an update on the group home situation. Since it has opened, the sheriff's office has answered more than 50 calls there. Fox 9 is doing an investigation into safety of workers, clients being arrested, etc. Once client runs away and lays down on HWY 65. He was just informing the board of the investigation.

Roads

-Chris gave an update on sign replacement. We are now on phase two.

-The grading on the roads looks good.

-We are pushing ahead with maintenance on the grader.

-We will discuss dustcoating at the May meeting.

-The Road Maintenance quotes were opened. Each board member received a copy which they will review, and the vote will be held at the May meeting.

-The Spring Road Review will be 4/24 at 5:30 PM.

-Dave Beckstrom gave a HWY 65 update.

-Blacktopping bids to finish paving Rum River Drive and to seal cracks will be put on hold until May. We will check during the road review for pavement damage.

Fire

-No fire update.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 27,717.80.

- A resident gave an update on the bathrooms.
- No meeting this month.

Clerk's Report

- The Board of Review, the Road Review, Road Maintenance Quotes, and Cleanup Day have all been posted and published.
- Lyle, Marlys and Diane attended Spring Short Courses.
- If anyone would like to attend Legal Short Courses, let Diane know and she will send in the registration.
- All claims need to be to Diane by April 25, Tuesday for May's meeting.

Lyle updated us on progress for cleanup day. The price list will be the same. All usable items will be given to the garage sale. If someone wants to buy something, the money will be donated. Evergreen Recycling will be handling cleanup day again this year and Lyle will contact workers.

We would like to send out the newsletter before cleanup day. Please have your articles to Dave by 4/14/17.

Treasurer's Report

A discussion was held regarding paying Lyle for the transitional P&Z meetings he has attended.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to pay Lyle. Motion passed unanimously with Lyle abstaining from the vote.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the 2017 donations suggested by residents at the annual meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5988-6032 plus IRS totaling \$31,306.29). Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter Athens Township Clerk

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