

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
April 6, 2015 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: 38 residents signed the attendance sheet as we had several ball players present.

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the March 2, 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 research a new recording system for recording meetings.
- Chris will contact workers for cleanup day.
- Dave will contact Marlys about researching costs for a township employee.

CICB baseball kids attended the meeting and presented Athens with a check for 2000.00 toward expenses of maintaining the ball fields. They thanked the board for the fields.

Approve Agenda

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

Todd Buckingham was at the meeting to represent the Group Home. Chris Caulk, the Isanti County Sheriff also attended. According to police reports, there have been 24 calls to the group home. This does not include those responded to by the State Highway Patrol.

Concerns – The town citizens were originally told that residents would be supervised 24/7. Recently a female resident walked away from the group home.

- Parking is still a problem. We will be monitoring the situation with pictures that contain time and date stamps.

- Smoking on the bike path – kids have to leave the path to avoid people standing on the path smoking.

- ID badges for staff so Athens residents can distinguish between staff and house residents.

- Neighbors are scared to let their kids outside/property values plummeted so not able to move.

Planning and Zoning

- Permits were more active this month.

- Inspections are up to date.

- An IUP was issued for corner of 245th and Hwy 65. Garage sales will be held in building on the corner.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve ordinance 2015-02 which is the fee schedule for 2015. Changes have been made to match county fees. Motion passed unanimously.

- Two cleanup issues are a concern – the burned out house and a barn that fell down. Jim will be contacting them.

- Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- A discussion was held about Bjorklund's being notified to stop grading. Spring grading will resume as normal as it is important to grade as the frost comes out of the ground, and when there is adequate moisture.
- The Road Review will take place on April 20, 2015. We will leave the town hall at 5:30. Diane will post it.
- The gravel bids will be posted for the May meeting.
- We are still having problems on Hastings with the culvert/beaver dam issue. We do have a permit from the DNR for replacement of the culvert. M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve up to 750.00 for trapping the beavers. Motion passed unanimously.
- We are still receiving complaints from the residents of Pinto Drive about ATV activity.

Fire

- The fire district has decided to keep the same billing formula for townships.
- A few issues have come up regarding two different fire districts responding to a call.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 39,265.58.
- A meeting was held this month.
- Jake Carpenter will help with installing the new misters.
- We still need another member for the Park Board if anyone is interested.

Clerk's Report

- Diane posted the Board of Review, which will be held April 22 at 7 PM.
- The perpetual calendar was updated.
- Spring short courses were attended March 24 in St. Cloud.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick authorizing attendance at the Legal Short Courses on April 23. Diane will submit registration. Motion passed unanimously.

-All activities related to the Annual Meeting have been completed and the tax levy form has been submitted to the County.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5226-5274 plus IRS totaling \$33,621.97). Motion passed unanimously.

Marlys asked for clarification regarding research for a township employee.

Lyle submitted a price list for cleanup day. Diane will post it in the paper and the scotsman. Jan has ordered the dumpsters and placement was discussed. Food was also discussed.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to spend up to 300.00 for food for cleanup day. Motion passed unanimously. Jan will arrange for workers since Chris is not here tonight.

Jan will be contacting her IT guy about help with the Website.

Barb gave a short update on the Debris Management Seminar she attended.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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