

## **Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held May 2, 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, Dave & Darlene Henderson, Ron Schlieff, Mike Warring, Michelle Hamsel, Diane Bjorklund, Steve Grittman, Tim Swanson,

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 April 4, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review Action Items**

Action Items were reviewed and discussed. None remained.

### **Approve Agenda**

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

Northwest Associated Consultants gave a presentation. They are a P&Z consulting firm.

### **Planning and Zoning**

- Lots of permits now that spring is here.
- Jim drove past some of the cleanup sites. There are 12 more than last year. Eight of them are bring stuff to cleanup day.
- P&Z is making final revisions on the Rural Tourism Ordinance.

- It was suggested that P&Z meet with the supervisors to discuss the process for plat development. A date of Monday, July 18, 2016 at 6 PM was set.
- Inspections are up to date.
- Lyle gave a county update.

## **Roads**

- The dead end sign at 265<sup>th</sup> and Rum River Drive needs replacing. People think the road goes to the park.
- A culvert on Larch is half blocked. Randy Wesp will be contacted to perform this maintenance task.
- 253<sup>rd</sup> – Recommended using shredded tires. A report is being compiled.
- A discussion was held about dustcoating. We will try to keep the cost under 50,000.00.
- Dave gave a HWY 65 report. He talked about J turns.
- Watershed – In December, 1900.00 was approved to clean debris from the beaver dam. It was decided it did not directly affect the road and was put on hold. It was now decided to finish the job.

## **Fire**

- Red is the official color of the new vehicles.
- Employees will now wear uniforms.
- Lights on roofs of cars are not required as they are in the windows.
- There is a new ventilation system in station 3.

## **Parks**

- The balance in the park fund is 46,993.18.
- Jan is still negotiating the cell tower in the park, which is a P&Z tower. They want an extended contract.
- Russ informed us of 10 sponsors for the ball fields.

-Russ has obtained some new lights for the ball fields. He will retain ownership of them along with other things in the field house belonging to them.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to approve contract presented to the board with change of table designation. Motion passed unanimously.

-Steve will service the mowers.

-The first park board meeting will be held in May.

-Barb and Wendy met with someone from soil and water concerning grants.

-Doyle's property sold and we now have five extra acres for the park.

### **Clerk's Report**

-The Board of Review meeting is complete for this year. It was posted and published and held on April 27.

-Cleanup Day has been posted and published.

-Preparations are beginning for elections, starting with judges.

-Summer short courses will be held in St. Cloud on June 20 and legal short courses are coming up soon if anyone is interested.

-Diane will be attending summer short courses to complete clerk's required training time for elections.

### **Treasurer's Report**

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5628-5656 plus IRS totaling \$63,936.57). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys ordered claim slips and a name plate for Ian.

The newsletter went out.

Everything is set for cleanup day coming up Saturday.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Dave Beckstrom to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter

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Athens Township Clerk

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