

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held May 1, 2017 at the Town Hall

Board members present: Jan Palmer, 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, Cindy Reynolds, Dave Henderson, & Norman Johnson.

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 3, 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. We are looking at getting new fixtures in the shed. Jan suggested we have Myron from Isanti Electric come out. Barb will call him.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

- Lots of permits this month.
- We have twelve cleanups that Jim has identified, five remaining from last year. Some are new from the Road Review.
- Inspections are up to date.

- A discussion was held regarding what happens to paperwork from permits, septic systems etc. Records seem to be inadequate.
- P&Z training topics were discussed and costs presented to the board. M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve up to 1225.00 to authorize the training. Date is yet to be determined. Motion passed unanimously.
- Lyle gave a county update.
- A discussion was held about retrieving funds from traffic violations and misdemeanors that occur in the township.

Roads

- Chris gave an update on sign replacement. Phase 3 is now complete.
- The grading on the roads looks good.
- We are pushing ahead with maintenance on the grader.
- A discussion was held about dustcoating. We have had multiple requests regarding 245th and 253rd. M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to proceed as last year and include these two roads. Motion passed unanimously.
- Using a metal detector to locate the culvert on 249th was discussed.
- Road Maintenance quotes were discussed. M/S Dave Beckstrom/Barb Kilpatrick to award the contract to Steve Hass, beginning May 1. Motion passed unanimously.
- There was no update on blacktop bids and repairs.
- Discussion was held on the Road Review. M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to close the road review at 8:20 on May 1, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.
- In the township, we have a dress shop combined with an auto repair facility. Jim will look at the ordinance, due to conflicts in the past.
- The cost of mailbox posts was determined to be 95.00, or 135.00 if it is installed by the township.

No Hwy 65 or watershed updates.

Fire

- The ISO of the fire district is being reviewed. It has been six years since it was looked at. This could lower insurance costs for residents.
- The fire district has purchased some used turnout gear that is like new for a reduced cost.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 27,289.26.
- We have permission from the DNR to take down a tree in Anderson park that is leaning at a 45 degree angle.
- Thanks from the county for the park donation.
- There are trees blocking the path at the Fred Cross park.

Clerk's Report

- The Board of Review meeting was completed with the Assessor's office.
- Registration has been submitted for the Legal Short Courses.

Lyle updated us on progress for cleanup day. Everything is ready to go. Jim will do the food.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to spend up to 300.00 for food.
Motion passed unanimously.

-Jan will contact MAT regarding the possibility of selling old road signs.

Dave contacted MNDOT regarding signs on HWY 65 directing people to the town hall. He will do more research on different types of signs.

June 5, 2017 will be Jan Palmer's last meeting. She is resigning from the board.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to accept Jan's resignation, effective 6/6/17. Motion passed unanimously, with Jan abstaining from the vote.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6033-6062 plus IRS totaling \$36,563.71). Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date
