

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held May 4, 2015 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, Mike Warring, Curt Carpenter, Russ Mann, Craig Bjorklund, Dave Henderson, Jake Carpenter, Mike and Sheila, M.

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

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:

-Jim will research a new recording system for recording meetings.

-The property marker on 267th that had been knocked down by the grader has been replaced.

-New proposals for the desks will be presented at the town meeting in June.

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.
- Inspections are up to date.
- A signed agreement for the waterline under 273rd will be in next month's packet.
- 12 cleanups should be easily taken care of – letters will be sent out giving them 30 days.
- 7 are grossly out of compliance and pictures are included in your packets. Jim will ask for plans from the residents for cleanups or Peter will send letters. We will provide information for companies that do these types of cleanups.
- A decision was made to leave the town center in the comp plan.
- M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve more time for Carolyn to work on the Comp plan. Motion passed with Barb Kilpatrick opposed.
- Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- Norman Johnson on Packard complained about the road; Jan checked it out and it is fine. Craig will check the S curve and corners.
- Marlys gave an update on the possibility of hiring an employee. If it is decided, Jan could possibly help with documents.
- Craig will provide a quote to fix the grader, i.e. replacing tires, batteries, etc.
- Discussion was held about ditch debris disposal.
- Craig and Chris will arrange for dustcoating as soon as possible.
- Many of our culverts may be plugged. The fire department may be able to help with this. Jan will check.
- Two gravel bids were received, Bjorklund's and Knife River. M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve Bjorklund's lower bid. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Road Review was discussed and the meeting was closed.

Fire

-The only major issue this month for fire was the pension fund. The pension will be moving to PERA and is overfunded. It is also paying below what others pay when someone retires. It will be presented to the boards and voted on again this month.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 40,681.02.
- So far we have 8 new and renewed signs for this year for the ball fields.
- We have an adult team using the field on Saturday nights.
- We had a park board meeting this month. The park board has decided not to advertise alcohol at the ball field.
- Jake Carpenter is helping with the misters.

Clerk's Report

- M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve attendance at Summer Short Courses. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jan will purchase recording equipment for the township.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5275-5309 plus IRS totaling \$37,160.98). Motion passed unanimously.

-The issue was brought up regarding original receipts for township reimbursement. We need originals from everyone. This is a requirement from the State Auditor's Office.

Jan contacted her IT guy about help with the Website. It would cost 75.00 per hour and she will get us a bid to get it up and running.

Cleanup Day went well. We took in 1795.88 from the residents.
Diane will recap the cost when we receive final bills from vendors.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/ Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 9:47
PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date
