

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held June 6, 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 & Carolyn Braun

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, Dave Henderson, Ron Schlieff, Mike Warring, Michelle & Brent Kelsey, Diane Bjorklund, Kathy Beckstrom, Lex Reinke, Russ & Ann Mann, Ryan Hentges, Shanna Wilmot, Brooks & Teresa Rojas, Mark Arutzen, Norman Johnson

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

There were no action items.

Approve Agenda

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

The 10 year old ball players attended the meeting and presented the township with a check for 2000.00 for field maintenance.

Planning and Zoning

-Slow month for permits.

-Cleanups are going well except for two. One needs an interpreter to communicate, and one is a repossession and they do not wish to clean up for the bank.

-Inspections are up to date.

-Many citizens were concerned about the Barthold feed lot issue. Discussions were held regarding the Department of Health, MPCA, township, and jurisdiction. Inspections and permits were ignored, mess needs to be cleaned up. Jim is working with Peter Tiede on the issues at hand. Concerning the improvements without a permit, the cost can be doubled to serve as a fine. Michelle Kelsey spoke for residents regarding the stench, vermin, etc emanating from the property. It is possible that we will have a second building inspector go in and look at the property.

-M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve Ordinance 2016-04 amending Chapter 20(Zoning Ordinance) for Rural Tourism with changes noted. Motion passed unanimously with Dave Beckstrom abstaining from the vote.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve ordinance 2016-05 for farm wineries, craft breweries, and micro distilleries. Motion passed unanimously with Dave Beckstrom abstaining.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve ordinance 2016-06 for inconsistencies due to the adoption of the rural tourism and winery provisions. Motion passed unanimously with Dave Beckstrom abstaining.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2016-04 approving the publication summary of amendments to Chapter 20 Rural Tourism Businesses and Farm Wineries, Craft Breweries, and Micro Breweries. Motion passed unanimously with Dave Beckstrom abstaining.

M/S Jan Palmer/Barb Kilpatrick to use Northwest Associated Consultants (who we discussed last month) as a secondary P&Z option. Ryan Grittman will be the person we work with. Rates 50.00 per hour for P&Z, 131.00 for legal. Motion passed unanimously. We will set a policy for using their services.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- Dustcoating is set for 6/8/16. Craig negotiated a better price than last year at .89 per gallon. We have had a request for dustcoating on Lever due to the dust from trucks hauling to the pig farm.
- Seven mattresses were picked up on Hastings.
- Signs are being stolen. Chris is checking with new sign vendors.
- A slow/children sign has been requested for Larch.
- Upcoming projects include 253rd, sealcoating the tar, and ditch maintenance.
- No Hwy 65 or watershed reports.

Fire

- No fire report.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 48,723.58.
- Trash is being dumped at Anderson Park. Options were discussed again about trucks down there.
- Discussion was held about purchasing a weed whip and a blower for the walking path.
M/S Jan Palmer/Lyle Reynolds to spend up to 750.00 each for a blower and a weed whip. Motion passed unanimously.
- Marlys will find out about donating the extra mower to the garage sale for the parks.

Clerk's Report

- M/S Jan Palmer/Chris Olson to approve the Isanti County election equipment request. Motion passed unanimously.
- Diane presented a list of election judges for the upcoming elections. M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve and appoint

the election judges for the upcoming elections. Motion passed unanimously.

-Diane will recap cleanup day costs for the July meeting when all the bills have been received.

-Registrations have been sent for Summer Short courses and Diane, Marlys, Barb and Lyle will be attending.

-Jim will post the special meeting for July 18th at 6PM with the planning commission.

-Diane presented the 2016 statistics on households in the township.

-We received a list of calls for the first half of 2016 from the sheriff's office.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5657-5690 plus IRS totaling \$16,646.57). Motion passed unanimously.

-Please have payroll claims to Marlys by June 30th.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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