

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
June 1, 2015 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, Mike Warring, Russ & Ann Mann, Craig Bjorklund, Dave Henderson, Mike Lockwood, Carolyn Braun, John Bartz, Randal Nelson, Lori Hanson

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 4, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the Spring Road Review. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed and discussed. None remained.

-The fire department will not clean out culverts.

-M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve 600.00-700.00 to rebuild the website and approximately 75.00 per month to maintain it. Motion passed unanimously.

-Jan contacted Best Buy and they are coming on June 15th to make recommendations for a sound system.

Approve Agenda

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

- A few permits were issued this month, which Jim detailed.
- Inspections are up to date.
- A signed agreement for the waterline under 273rd is in your packet.
- Compliance letters for cleanups are in your packet and will be sent out by certified mail. We should not recommend certain companies for cleanup jobs.
- An application for a DNR permit for the Hastings culvert is in your packets. It could take 45 to 150 days after they receive our check to process the permit.
- There will be a public hearing on June 24th about the proposed zoning ordinance amendment.
- A discussion was held about tax forfeited property.
M/S Lyle Reynolds/Dave Beckstrom to acquire both parcels.
Discussion was held .
M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to withdraw the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- No county update.

Roads

- 245th has a frost boil and needs gravel.
- 249th needs shoulder work.
- 253rd and 65 – the tar is collapsing.
M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to dustcoat the same roads as last year. Motion passed unanimously.
Craig will check on 274th ditch issue that was approved last year and do the repair.

Fire

- No update.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 40,857.87.
- Russ gave a ball field update.
- No meeting was held this month.
- Jake Carpenter is still working on the misters.
- The sign for the field is deteriorating. It can be replaced for 155.00. This is just general maintenance.
- A couple more signs have been sold for the ballfield.
- Anderson Park is having trouble with big trucks tearing it up and destroying signs. Big cement barriers are moved. The sheriff's department is trying to monitor it. Barb will check with Chris Caulk regarding our options. A park ordinance would make rules easier to enforce.

-Two estimates were received for the desks.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to go with House of Wood's estimate, minus the privacy ledge. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

- Summer short courses will be held June 15th in St. Cloud. Diane has sent in the registration. The legal seminar is June 4th.
- Diane gave an update on cleanup day.

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 5310-5332 plus IRS totaling \$13,373.85). Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to close the meeting to discuss vendor contracts. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 8:50 PM. Recording #3

M/S Chris Olson/ Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date _____