

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held July 9, 2018 at the Town Hall

Board members present: John Bartz, Dave Beckstrom, Lyle Reynolds, Barb Kilpatrick, Chris Olson, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, and Ryan Grittman

Guests: Steve Hass, Mike Warring, Cindy Reynolds, Anne Kraft, Jacqui Baker, Mike Mains, Ron Schleif, Andrew Dahlen, Dave Henderson

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:
Barb will find installers for the new park equipment.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

-The developer's agreement for SoCore was approved by Peter Tiede.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve the developer's agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

-The ordinance for private road easements was updated.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve ordinance 2018-05 updating the ordinance for private roads. Motion passed unanimously.

-Ryan will be posting the Rendova Street vacation public hearing for the August 6th meeting.

-P&Z is still working on the Home Occupation Ordinance update.

-P&Z will be having a public hearing on a tar plant.

-A discussion was held about port-a-potties at the Erickson Farm.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Grading is on track.

-Mowing has been started but the mower broke down. It should resume shortly.

-Tri-city was bought out by Knife River. We had some problems getting chloride, but it should be done by Wednesday.

-There has been lots of ditch debris.

-We received only one paving bid from Knife River. A discussion was held about what we could afford to pave.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve paving Xylite and 266th, but not 273rd. Motion passed unanimously.

-A discussion was then held concerning whether we would need to repost the bids since the complete bid was not being accepted, and Knife River recommended using a different level of tar. Brian Miller, the town engineer, still recommends that we use level three. Chris will check with Peter Tiede. We will leave this meeting open until we can find out.

-Crack filling should be done by month end. Jim will spray the weeds in the cracks.

-Jacqui Baker spoke to the board about noxious weeds. They are spread by mowing in the fall, when the seeds are spread.

-A discussion was held about snow plowing for the upcoming season.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to award the plowing to Steve Hass without posting this year.

Fire

-A discussion was held about reimbursement for fire calls. Homeowners are collecting the fee from insurance but not sending it to the fire district.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund was 47,435.92.
- No June meeting. Curt will be mowing at the town hall and also brushing out the newly acquired land.
- Chris will check out new lawn mowers for the town hall.

Clerk's Report

- Diane picked up the new election equipment.
- Diane posted and published the notices for filing for office. Filing will be from July 31st to August 14th at 5 PM.
- We had a problem with the township account at Menards. It should be all fixed.
- We still have not received all the bills for cleanup day.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6448-6492 plus IRS totaling 103,596,45). Motion passed unanimously.

Marlys signed us up for direct deposit from the county.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

The meeting ended at 9:10 and was left open, for additional discussion regarding the paving bid.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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