

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held July 11, 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 Braun

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, Ron Schlieff, Mike Warring, Michelle & Brent Kelsey, Diane Bjorklund, Shanna Wilmot, Russ & Ann Mann, Ryan Hentges, Jerry Dietrin, Wendy Anderson

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 June 6, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were discussed. None remained.

- We cannot donate the old lawn mower to the park garage sale.
- Diane gave a cleanup day recap.

Approve Agenda

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

- A couple permits this month.
- Two new cleanups were added to our list.
- Inspections are up to date.
- Jan read a letter from Berry Law Offices regarding denial of a CUP for Amcon Block. Peter Tiede sent copies of the ordinances and emails and denied the lawsuit. The matter is closed.

-More discussion was held about using NW Associated Consultants.

M/S Jan Palmer/Chris Olson that the Chair of the Board or of P&Z can decide when to use them. Motion passed unanimously.

-No details on what is going on concerning legal action against Barthold feed lot per Peter Tiede until the investigation is complete.

-We did get a report from NW Consultants on work they did on the Barthold matter. MPCA says it is not a feed lot, it is a pig farm, based on number of animals and weight. Board of Health says they are licensed for garbage feeding and will conduct an inspection within 30 days. MN Pollution Control did a surprise compliance inspection and they passed. Peter is still looking into the nuisance ordinance.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Dustcoating is almost done.

-Gravel was put down on some roads.

-Mowing has been started.

-There are complaints of speeding on Larch, slow children signs requested.

-Chris is waiting on an estimate for signs.

-A discussion was held about pavement erosion where the pavement meets gravel driveways that have washed away. Chris will talk with resident about the issue.

-No Hwy 65 or watershed reports.

Fire

-The rodeo was last weekend. There will be an update next month.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 52,401.58.

-Anderson Park is temporarily closed due to road damage from a truck. Chris Caulk recommended sending the owner a bill for repairs.

M/S Jan Palmer/Barb Kilpatrick to get quotes for signs, boulders, and for a bill and fine for the damage. Motion passed unanimously.

-An estimate was received for building permanent bathroom facilities at the park/ball fields.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to go ahead with a design for the bathrooms.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Jan Palmer to add Nick Audet as a new park board member. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

-Election judge training is scheduled.

-Cleanup day recap was completed and a letter sent to the county requesting the 500.00 reimbursement.

-Filing for candidates for town office has been posted and published.

-Summer Short courses were attended in St. Cloud by Diane, Marlys, Barb and Lyle.

-Over 1000.00 was raised by the most recent garage sale for the ball fields.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5691-5738 plus IRS totaling \$106,173.70). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave a budget update.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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