

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
July 13, 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 & Carolyn Braun

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, Mike Warring, Russ & Ann Mann, Craig & Dianne Bjorklund, Ron Schleif, Chris Caulk, Ray Palmer, Don & Karen Mickelson, Jeff Geist, Curt Carpenter, Wendy Anderson, & Gary D.

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

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed and discussed. None remained.

Approve Agenda

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

A representation of little league ball players from Cambridge/Isanti attended the meeting. Our field has been voted the best Little League field in MN.

Chris Caulk gave an update on patrols at Anderson Park.

Planning and Zoning

-One permit was issued this month.

-Inspections are up to date.

-Certified letters went out about the cleanups and all cards were received back.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to refer three of the cleanups to Peter Tiede. Motion passed unanimously.

-Jim gave an update on complaints and problems of flies because of waste that has been spread in the township. Regulations on what can be dumped need to be tightened.

-The 4/40 issue was discussed and Carolyn explained the changes and the new resolution, answering questions from several board members.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the resolution amending the zoning ordinance. Motion was defeated on a 3/2 vote.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-The Hastings issue is resolved and the work is done.

-The driveway/bike path near Mickelson's needs to be repaved. They got a bid of 1200.00.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to split the cost of the repair between Mickelsons and the township. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Jan Palmer to go ahead now and mow ditches and do a second mowing in September. Motion passed unanimously.

-An issue was brought up by residents regarding speeding on Xeon south of 23. Small children play there.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to put up child at play signs. Motion passed unanimously. Jim will also apply for a speed limit authorization for that area.

-Snow plow bids will be posted for the September meeting.

Fire

-The fire district is contemplating charging residents a fee for calls, as most homeowner's insurance policies do contain reimbursement for fire department fees. Jan and Al are developing a summary of options for the fire district.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 41,812.08.
-One mister is installed but still needs a water line.
-We have 2 tetherball sets to install.
-Both the walking path and the town hall parking lot need to have cracks in the pavement fixed and need to be seal coated. Russ will get bids for us.

M/S Jan Palmer/Lyle Reynolds to allow up to 1000.00 discretionary spending during the month for parks as things come up. Motion passed unanimously.

-Barb and Wendy met with the DNR at Anderson Park. The DNR wants to help repair erosion that has occurred and also provide signs for the park.

Clerk's Report

-Diane, Marlys and Barb attended Summer Short Courses.
-Diane provided a recap of cleanup day expenses, compared to 2014. A letter has been sent to the county requesting our 500.00 reimbursement.

We were contacted regarding our Crown Castle cell tower. Jan is going to seek further clarification for what they are requesting.

The Website should be up and running in another week.

The desks for the town hall have not been started. House of Wood would like half of the amount down.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5333-5378 plus IRS totaling \$83,050.22). 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 9:36 PM. Recording #5

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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