

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held August 7, 2017 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Mike Warring, Samir Salama, Dave & Darlene Henderson, William Larson, Steve Hass, Scot Rosevold, Ron Schleif, Cindy Reynolds, Jim & Carolyn Braun, Diane Bjorklund

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

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting as ammended. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2017 special meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

No action items remained.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

-The issue of the permit issued to Samir Salama for the dog kennel was discussed. This has been in the works for over a year.

Nothing has been done because of the road problems that need to be resolved. One of the properties involved is in foreclosure

and is now owned by Wells Fargo. There is an easement but no promise of dedication of a road that would be built to the township. Chloe will try to contact the land owner and Wells Fargo.

-A letter was sent out regarding cleaning up the bike path. M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to approve Resolution 2017-03 regarding Hardrives use of Bjorklund land for a temporary asphalt plant. Motion passed unanimously.

-Inspections are up to date. A discussion was held with Scot concerning how inspections are handled.

-There is a hearing on the Brennan Cox issue in the city of Isanti. A discussion was held about who owns the road. We should refer the matter to Peter Tiede to respond to the city.

-A discussion was held about the county doing building and septic permits. Marlys will check with the county for additional information.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Gravel was tested on 249th.

-Gravel is almost done and the sign database is updated.

-M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to put a moratorium on asphalt plant permits until the blacktop ordinance can be reviewed. Motion passed unanimously. We will compare with similar ordinances in the area.

-The bid received for blacktop repair was opened. No action will be taken at this time. Lyle will try contacting more local companies as the bid is much too high.

-A discussion was held regarding black topping bids for Rum River Drive. Lyle will get the posting to Diane and bids will be solicited for the September meeting.

- No Hwy 65 update,
- No watershed update.

Fire

- John attended the fire board meeting.
- The fire district will be responsible for repairs to Station one, even though we are now leasing it for a larger amount.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is \$29,550.80.
- \$8000 of this is reserved for the exercise equipment.
- Work is being done for the picnic, which will be September 9.

Clerk's Report

- Crack filling quotes were published for tonight's meeting.
- The special meeting for Hardrives was posted, both in the paper and on the Website.
- Russ helped us purchase new computers and they will be set up by the September meeting.
- Diane or Marlys will purchase office supplies, if you let us know what is needed.
- Marlys will order name plates for John, Chloe and for P&Z.

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 6153-6184 plus IRS totaling \$43,134.59). Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

_____ Date _____