

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held August 3, 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, Ron Schleif, Dave Henderson, Rachel Ilytonen, Randy Larson, Jerry Damoneaux, Ron Oliver, Phil Lockwood, Melissa & Kevin Domogalla, Steve and Kayti Strandlund, Scott LaRowe, Richard Engstrom, James Larson

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 July 13, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:

- Jim will check on speed limit signs for Xeon.
- Diane will post snow plow quotes for September.

-Jim will check further regarding speed limit signs, posts and regulations. Chris will send Jim a list of signs that we need ordered.

-Russ got three quotes for sealing the cracks in the parking lot at the town hall and on the walking path.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Dave Beckstrom to have Driveway Doctor complete the work on both. Motion passed unanimously.

-Jan gave some explanation about the contacts we have had from the cell company regarding contracts. Marlys will check the contracts.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

-Jim gave an update on a permit for Herbst. Fire and Police would be closer out of St. Francis. SF said we cannot use their cul-de-sac. Possible annexation to SF.

-The fee and surcharge schedule needs to be changed. Jim will post an updated copy in the posting box at the town hall.

-Jim brought up the issue of flies and smells from the Barthold feed lot. Jim will be contacting Peter Tiede as they have not complied with a 2012 agreement.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to submit the issue to Peter Tiede for failure to comply with 2012 agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

-Inspections are up to date.

-Two cleanups are done and the others are being worked on.

-Dave Henderson brought up a complaint from a resident about Jim not responding to a permit request in a timely manner.

-Lyle gave a county update.

-Mike Warring asked to address the board regarding the 4/40 issue. He presented a signed petition from residents. Several residents spoke on the issue. A date was set by the board to have a special working meeting to discuss the issue further. The meeting will be August 17 at 7 PM.

Roads

-Xeon is still a trouble spot. The sheriff will act on a speed limit if one is put in place.

M/S Jan Palmer/Lyle Reynolds to put up a stop sign on Xeon and 249th. Motion passed unanimously.

-Stop sign on 249th has been vandalized. Also, the one on Palm has been shot up.

-We are still having trouble with the beaver dams.

-253rd- We can fix the culvert without a permit if we take before and after pictures, according to the State and the DNR.

Fire

-The fire district is contemplating charging nonresidents a fee for fire calls (i.e. car accidents). They will be voting on 8/19 on the issue. Residents would not be charged for fire service.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 40,795.12.

-Still working on the misters.

-We can get 12x12 signs for Anderson Park from the DNR prohibiting 4 wheelers.

-The tetherballs are up and the park board is working on things for the upcoming picnic.

-The garage sale made approximately 600.00 for the park. The money will be used for rain gutters and trim on the press box for the fields. Two satellites have been cleaned and locked for the season.

Clerk's Report

-Additional documentation was requested by the county for cleanup day reimbursement. Diane sent it in.

-Past snow plowing cost were researched for Jan.

-Diane contacted CenturyLink concerning the phone bill for the township which is still incorrect.

The desks for the town hall have still not been started. Barb will deliver the down payment check and talk to them about a delivery date.

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 5379-5405 plus IRS totaling \$35,357.52). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys has an account set up for the township at the transfer station.

-Our town aid for 2016 will be 1122.00.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson for anyone wishing to attend the MAT District meeting to attend. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

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

The meeting was closed at 9:14 PM. Recording #7

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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