

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held  
October 1, 2018 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Rebecca Mauriala-Kuehn, Steve Hass, Todd Christensen, Billy Larson, Dave Henderson, Chris Caulk, Mike Warring, Brian Burnandt, Curt Carpenter, Dave Wills

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Dave Beckstrom to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. None remained.

**Approve Agenda**

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Caulk gave an update on the sheriff's department and calls responded to in the county.

**Planning and Zoning**

-A discussion was held about the solar farm. Jerome Pickus is concerned about breaks in the trees. Dave has met with Jerome and is meeting with SoCore regarding planting more trees. A site visit was recommended.

-A discussion was held about the variance on Naples for Dave Wills. P & Z recommended 3-1 to approve it. The town engineer will review the plan. The discussion included concerns about flood plains and how close it is to wetlands.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to table the issue and send it back to P&Z for further review. Motion passed unanimously.

-The rural tourism ordinance was tabled in P&Z for more info.

-Lyle gave a county update.

### **Roads**

-There is a concern about a washout on 251<sup>st</sup>.

-Paving has been started.

-Tom Lundeen will be trimming more trees for the township.

-There has been a lot of rain and some spots still need gravel.

-The fall road review is scheduled for October 29, 2018, at 5:30 PM.

### **Fire**

-Preliminary budget talks have begun. The goal for the year is no increase.

### **Parks**

-The balance in the park fund was 30,521.76.

-The exercise equipment is installed by the walking path.

-The county is recreating the deed for Anderson Park and then will be recording it.

-Russ gave an update on the third ball field.

### **Clerk's Report**

-Diane contacted CenturyLink regarding the increase in the phone bill. It will be fixed next month.

-We received a notice from Waste Management that they will now be charging the township for garbage pickup.

The newsletter will be sent out soon.

**Treasurer's Report**

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6557-6597 plus IRS totaling 87,916.73). Motion passed unanimously.

Mike gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter

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Athens Township Clerk

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