

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held October 3, 2016 at the Town Hall

Board members present: Jan Palmer, Lyle Reynolds, Chris Olson, Dave Beckstrom, Barb Kilpatrick, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Staff Carolyn Braun

Guests: Ron Schlieff, Mike Warring, Diane Bjorklund, Cindy Reynolds, Dave Henderson, Russ & Ann Mann, Samir Salama

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

M/S Chris Olson/Jan Palmer to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously, with Barb abstaining as she was not at the meeting.

Review Action Items

There were no action items remaining this month.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

- No printed Staff Report, due to Jim's heart attack.
 - No report on cleanups or inspections.
 - Carolyn reviewed the dog kennel ordinance with the board.
- Samir Salama also gave additional information regarding the dogs and the blueprint of the facility.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve Resolution 2016-07 for an IUP for the commercial kennel with the indicated conditions. Motion passed unanimously.

It was also discussed that Samir was given misinformation regarding property and earnest money that he put down that he did not need. A reduced fee will be addressed at the time the permit is issued as some compensation for this error.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Signs arrived and are being installed. Chris will be inspecting additional signs next week.

-The culvert on Larch is taken care of.

-No Hwy 65 report.

Fire

-The fire district approved its 2017 budget, 15,000 more than last year. Level 3 of station 3 is almost complete. The remaining kitchen and ventilation equipment needed is very expensive. Firefighters are being hired.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 32,313.13.

-Russ gave an update on the construction of the new bathrooms and also the additional ball field.

-Signs were ordered for Anderson Park.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to approve spending 506.00 for the signs. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve spending up to 650.00 more to install them for cement, a drill, etc. Motion passed unanimously.

-Barb will purchase a garbage can for Anderson Park.

Clerk's Report

-The Board of canvass for after the election will be held on 11/14/16 at 6 PM.

-The Road Review has been posted for 10/11/16

The newsletter will be sent out before the election.

M/S Jan Palmer/Chris Olson to approve the newsletter with the cost of the last expenditure. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5802-5844 plus IRS totaling \$35,013.21). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave a budget update.

-Reminder that we will need payroll claims by November 28.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter Athens Township Clerk

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