

## **Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held October 5, 2015 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, Ron Schleif, Steve and Kayti Strandlund, Mike Warring, Randal Nelson, Lori Hanson

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 September 14, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review Action Items**

Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:

- Jim will check the cleanup on Xylite
- Russ will check to see what portion of the parking lot repair should belong to Connexus.

### **Approve Agenda**

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

### **Planning and Zoning**

- Jim handed out a corrected August permit package.
- Permits for the month – 1 house –short month
- Inspections are up to date.

-An application for a sewer permit was requested for the property on Larch that had the meth lab a couple years ago. The barn was supposed to have been burned, the sewer removed, and the garage repaired and painted. Scott thinks that the old sewer was crushed and buried. The State Health Department is coming tomorrow to inspect it. The old sewer may have to be dug up and hauled away.

-Cleanups are coming along, except for the hog farm which is going slow.

-Lyle gave a county update.

### **Roads**

-There was citizen concern regarding a washout on Terrace Road NE off 265<sup>th</sup>.

-Gravel is done on Xylite and 249<sup>th</sup> is shouldered.

-Randy & Craig will connect on getting the culvert installed.

-Jim & Chris will inspect 253<sup>rd</sup>.

-The signs for Xeon are here and will be installed this weekend.

-Regarding ditches and cleaning culverts, the county has no plan in place for any of it.

-Grader needs repairs – estimates for next meeting.

-Road review scheduled for 10/19 at 5:30.

### **Fire**

-No update.

### **Parks**

-The balance in the park fund is 37,511.28.

-No September meeting.

-For the October meeting, we will do a picnic recap.

-A discussion was held regarding the moles on the ball fields.

### **Clerk's Report**

-Diane spoke with MAT regarding meeting recordings and their availability to the public.

-The Road Review has been posted and published.

-The new desks are here and look nice.

-M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to pass Fire Board Resolution 2015-02 approving that Peter Tiede is representation for the Fire District and cannot represent townships in conflicting matters. Motion passed 3-1 with Barb Kilpatrick opposing.

-The township will receive 50.00 credit off our insurance bill for any new officers attending MAT spring short courses.

-Marlys and Jim are still reviewing cell contracts.

### **Treasurer's Report**

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5430-5461 plus IRS totaling \$26,436.59). Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike Warring gave a county update.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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