

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held November 7, 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 Jim & Carolyn Braun

Guests: Ron Schlieff, Mike Warring, Diane Bjorklund, Cindy Reynolds, Russ & Ann Mann, Joe Schornack, William Larson, Curt Carpenter, Brooke & Mark Arntzen, Don & Karen Mickelson, Marilyn Stone, Lisa Angeski, Brooks & Teresa Rupula, Curt Vetsch

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 October 3, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

Joe Schornack introduced himself as a representative of Flagship Bank, which has bought out Landmark Bank. Marlys explained our former relationship with the bank and problems we have had.

Planning and Zoning

-A discussion was held again about the Barthold Pig Farm. Residents complained and Jan explained steps we have taken.

- A discussion was held with citizens concerned about a property in Emerald Estates renting out gardening plots. We will be checking with Peter about the matter but as far as Jim is aware, they are not in conflict with any zoning ordinances.
- Lots of permits this month. Scot has donated the inspection charges for Susan and Doug Olson's renovation for their paralyzed son. The only charge for permits is the State Surcharge of 275.00.
- Lots of permits this month, with a couple of new houses.
- The packet contained photos of an address that neighbors had wished to have cited for cleanup violations. Jim went there and did not see any out of control issues.
- Inspections are up to date.
- Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- Phase one of the sign replacement is complete. Phase two signs arrived today.
 - Many of the road review items are already taken care of.
 - We have had some complaints about the grader getting too close and taking out some trees. Chris is looking into it.
- M/S Jan Palmer/Barb Kilpatrick to close the Road Review meeting at 7:40 on 11/7/16. Motion passed unanimously.
- No Hwy 65 report.

Fire

- The fire district approved a preliminary budget. We were billed too much for the fourth quarter and will see a reduction in the first quarter of next year.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 25,812.91.
- Russ gave an update on the construction of the new bathrooms.

- A meeting was held in October to discuss a winter event. Snowman, bonfire, etc.
- A barrel is being used for garbage at Anderson Park and the signs are up.

Clerk's Report

- The Board of canvass for after the election will be held on 11/14/16 at 6 PM. The meeting has been posted and published along with the snow plow policy.
- Elections will be held tomorrow at the town hall. Polls are open from 7AM to 8 PM. Diane has everything in place from the auditor's office, and election judges have been contacted and are ready to go.

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 5845-5875 plus IRS totaling \$45,653.03). Motion passed unanimously.

- Marlys gave a budget update.
- Reminder that we will need payroll claims by November 29th.

There will be no P&Z meeting this month, due to Thanksgiving.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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