

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held November 2, 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, Curt Carpenter, Ron Schleif, Dave Henderson, Mike Warring, Kayti & Steve Strandlund, K Olson, Craig & Diane Bjorklund, Jan Ebeling, Steve Benolkin

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:

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

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

-A permit was requested from ATT Mobility for antenna modifications for the tower in the pines.

-Two septic permits this month.

-Planning commission approval is needed for a CUP for a wedding barn on Polk. At this time, the building is approved for Ag use only.

- Cleanups are progressing nicely.

-Too much was paid for a permit to reside by Larson Properties. Jim will return the check and get a new one.

-A discussion was held regarding the Steve Benolkin expansion. CUP includes ponds etc and has agency approval.

M/S Lyle Reynolds, Jan Palmer to allow zoning to do this administratively within the CUP. Motion passed unanimously.

-Lyle gave a county update.

-Dave Beckstrom began a discussion regarding some properties that have no building rights and how they can be restored. It will be discussed at P&Z. Jan recommended checking with Peter Tiede.

Roads

-Chris Olson went over road review results.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to close the Road Review meeting at 7:55 on 11/2/15. Motion passed unanimously.

-Steve Hass, our snowplow operator for this season, rode along.

-Packard has damage from ATV's. Sheriff spoke to family of home that the ATV tracks led to. Hopefully the issue has been resolved.

-Discussion was held regarding gravel depth on town roads, and how we determine when and where to gravel.

-Discussion was held regarding blockages in ditches, preventing water drainage. Mike Warring said that the county has no funding to fix the issues.

Fire

-Randy Polizin retires at midnight, 12/31/15. Al Jankovich will take over his position. They are interviewing currently to hire more fire fighters.

- There will be no increase in the 2016 fire budget.
- The fire district is looking for a new grass fire truck. There is a used one in Wyoming they are looking to purchase.
- Jan will get a list of attorneys that would be available if needed to address fire district issues since Peter Tiede would be unavailable as he is the attorney for the fire district.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 37,958.12.
- The October meeting will be the last meeting until spring.
- At the meeting, four wheeler damage at Anderson park was discussed, and also river access.

Clerk's Report

- Discussion was held regarding New Year's weekend/January meeting date. The meeting will be held on January 11, 2016 due to the New Year's holiday weekend.
- Reminder to submit all claims to Marlys for payroll by December 1st.

A discussion was held regarding doors for the town hall. Jim will adjust the threshold for the front door, but the back door needs replacing. Chris will consult with Jim regarding a contact he had that did this type of work for the company he is employed by. Estimates will be obtained.

A discussion was held about the Website and contact info for our Web person was given. Board meeting minutes and other documents will be sent to Dan to be put on the Website.

A discussion was held about cell tower contracts. Jan will follow up again.

Dave Beckstrom presented a sample agreement/job description for a maintenance employee. A discussion was held. Barb Kilpatrick will talk to Wayne Anderson of Stanford Township on how this issue is handled in their township.

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 5462-5486 plus IRS totaling \$79,012.38). Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date
