

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held  
December 3, 2018 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Steve Hass, Todd Christensen, Dave Henderson, Mike Warring, Jerome Pikus, Andrew Dahlen, Billy Larson, Curt Carpenter

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 November 5, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the Fall Road review. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the Board of Canvass meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. None remained.

**Approve Agenda**

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

**Planning and Zoning**

-The variance on Naples was moved to the December P&Z meeting.

-An issue was brought up regarding a resident living in a camper on Lever Street. There have been complaints and many issues were raised regarding the situation. Ryan will contact the resident.

-A solar screening plan was put together showing where new trees would be planted. Peter Tiede put together a release form and Connexus is requesting a few changes.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2018-06, the proposed landscaping for the solar farm, contingent on attorney completion and signatures. Motion passed on a 3-1 vote, with Barb Kilpatrick voting nay.

-Lyle gave a county update.

## **Roads**

-Jack Davis from East Bethel contacted Dave Beckstrom regarding a joint paving venture. Dave gave him information to contact Chris Olson.

-We bought some dead end signs from the county.

-Greg Anderson from Isanti Township requested sharing responsibility for 277<sup>th</sup>, Xylite to Palisade. We will plow the snow and they will gravel.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to go ahead with the proposed agreement for 277<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Fire**

-Barb Kilpatrick attended the fire board meeting and met the new mayor elect for Isanti. A discussion was held about some firefighters not doing their share. They were warned about being removed and receiving no pension.

## **Parks**

-The balance in the park fund was 25,705.49.

-There will be no park meetings until spring.

-They are thinking about extending the exercise equipment and talking about sports courts.

### **Clerk's Report**

-All election duties are completed.

-The board of canvass was completed.

-A recount of the election was held at the request of Lyle Reynolds.

-The bill for waste management has been straightened out.

-Our water test results are good.

-The board of reorganization meeting will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to appoint Barb Kilpatrick to be the acting Vice Chair until the Board of Reorg meeting in case signatures are needed. Motion passed unanimously.

-The quilters that have been using the town hall have donated a quilt to give away to a veteran in Athens Township.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Marlys recommended transferring funds to make our accounts all positive before the end of the year.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to transfer 30,000.00 from the general account to P&Z, and 75,000.00 from Road and Bridge into the paving account. Motion passed unanimously.

-Homepride still owes 803.50 to its escrow account.

-For the 2020 levy, Marlys will start documents with 535,000.00.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6620-6658 plus IRS totaling 44,347,91, with check 6619 being voided). Motion passed unanimously.

Marlys gave a budget update.

Mike gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter

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Athens Township Clerk

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