

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
December 4, 2017 at the Town Hall**

Board members present: John Bartz, Dave Beckstrom, Barb Kilpatrick, Chris Olson, Lyle Reynolds, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany , and Chloe McGuire

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, William Hanson, Billy Larson, Mike Warring, Steve Hass

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

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017 Road Review meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 special meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were
-Chris will contact a tree service.

Approve Agenda

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Dave Beckstrom to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

- A final plat for Evergreen Acres is in the packet.
M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve the final plat for Evergreen Acres. Motion passed unanimously.
- M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to authorize the chairman/clerk to sign the recording of the final plat. Motion passed unanimously.
- M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2017-10 to approve IUP for William Stanley for Able Rental. Motion passed unanimously.
- M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve Ordinance 2017-06, the updated fee schedule. Motion passed unanimously.
- Three permits were issued this month.
- A discussion was held regarding Scot's work for the township. John will contact Peter Tiede with questions.
- Dave Beckstrom will contact Andy regarding P&Z.
- Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- Phase one of brush cutting is done.
- Grading and gravel are completed for the year.
- Rum River Drive looks great.
- No Hwy 65 or watershed report this month.

Fire

- The budget for 2018 was approved.
- Athens had 81 runs in the first ten months of 2017 and accounts for 11.4% of the budget.

Parks

- Balance in the park fund 23,453.75 with 6000.00 earmarked for the exercise equipment for the walking path.
- The gate is still locked at Anderson park due to hunting.

Clerk's Report

- The special meeting was posted and published.
- All 2017 accounts were reconciled between clerk and treasurer through the end of November.
- Reminder that the January Board meeting will be held on January 8th due to the holiday, and will be preceded by the Board of Reorganization meeting which will begin at 6:30.

Treasurer's Report

- A discussion was held about the budget levy. We will try to keep it the same. Marlys will prepare a proposal for the annual meeting which we will discuss in January. Currently it is at 535,000 with 300,000 for road and bridge, 140,000 for general, and 95,000 for fire.
- M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to transfer 16,000 from the general account to P&Z. Motion passed unanimously.
- M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to transfer 100,000 from Road and Bridge to the Paving fund. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6273-6307 plus IRS totaling 30,267.15). Motion passed unanimously.

Peoples Bank has a new name, First Bank and Trust. Marlys will contact them regarding replacing the check stock.

Marlys will contact Couri Ruppe to see if we need a formal agreement if we are using their legal services.

We would like to send out a newsletter before the annual meeting.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:48PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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