

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
April 1, 2013 at the Town Hall*

Board members present: Dave Henderson, John Bartz, Lyle Reynolds, Barb Kilpatrick, David Beckstrom, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Staff Jim Braun

Guests: Steve Balfany, Russ & Ann Mann, Mike Warring, Curt Carpenter, Jim Rostberg, Cindy Reynolds, Jacqui Baker, Kathy Beckstrom

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S John Bartz/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:

-Russ and Steve will get bids for installing the new park equipment.

David Beckstrom reviewed his findings regarding publishing a township letter. See sheet.

M/S David Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to proceed with Option 1, Printing Unlimited. The board will set timing as it sees fit. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Agenda

M/S John Bartz/ Lyle Reynolds to approve the agenda as ammended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

-Three permits were issued this month.

-Inspections are up to date.

-There was an issue with 80 acres that were annexed to St. Francis. Chris from the sheriff's office sent St. Francis the bill for the investigation.

-There was a problem at Isanti Estates with sewage backing up into bathtubs. Northside Septic took care of the problem for now, but Jim will be contacting the Department of Health.

-The gentleman from South Isanti Auto Sales was contacted by Jim and asked to come in for a site plan. Jim also consulted with Peter Tiede about the matter. The deadline for review of the site plan is April 18, and a special planning commission meeting will be held on April 23.

-On April 18th, after the board of review, the board will meet with the comp plan committee.

-On April 15th, Carolyn will be taking over for Jim. He will be in the hospital.

-4 residents will begin paying for the street light in Collin Meadows.

-No county update.

Roads

-Roads are in good condition for winter roads.

-There was a complaint about 251st Lane that there is too much clay in the gravel.

-Dave will get dustcoating bids.

-Road review is set for April 8th.

Fire

There was an informational meeting held with Michelle Benson and Kurt Daubt about the taxing district bill.

Parks

The balance in the park fund is \$39,907.51.

Barb explained signage for the new ball field.

-M/S Barb Kilpatrick/David Beckstrom to proceed with selling signage for the ball field. Motion passed unanimously.

No park board meeting was held in March.

Clerk's Report

-Spring short courses were attended in St. Cloud on March 26th.

-The Board of Review is set for April 18, at 7 PM.

-Urban short courses will be April 18, 2013 in Otsego.

Treasurer's Report

M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 4493-4537 plus IRS totaling \$39,892.14). Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave an update on county matters.

Dave gave an update on the cell towers.

M/S John Bartz/Barb Kilpatrick for Dave to negotiate the cell tower contracts. Motion passed unanimously.

Barb got a quote for panels for the sign in front of the town hall.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to purchase the panels up to a cost of \$200.00. Motion passed unanimously.

David Beckstrom gave an update on the website. David and Barb will meet with Julie. Also they will check on paying her.

Lyle Reynolds gave an update on cleanup day which is May 4. M/S Lyle Reynolds/Dave Henderson to use Evergreen Recycling and East Central Sanitation for cleanup day. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim will purchase and cook the food for cleanup day.

Dave will hire workers.

Diane will post and publish cleanup day.

*We are having trouble with the bathrooms at the townhall.
Jim will call Northside Septic and have the tank pumped.*

Lyle gave an update on the grants for paving. Lyle will contact Paul Tischer in St. Francis. Brian Miller would like to have a conversation with them. The paving fund and the gas tax fund should have a balance of approximately \$102,000.00 by the end of the year.

John Bartz will contact someone about replacing the desks at the town hall.

Lyle Reynolds will talk with Craig Bjorklund about grading.

M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Carpenter
Township Clerk*

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