

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held  
August 5, 2013 at the Town Hall*

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

*Guests: Curt Carpenter, Cindy Reynolds, Steve Balfany, Jacqui Baker, Chet Duck, Russ and Ann Mann, Mike Warring, and Sharon Frederiksen*

*The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived, due to the board of Reorganization meeting.*

*M/S Barb Kilpatrick/David Beckstrom to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

***Review Action Items***

*Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:*

*-Jim will get the fire extinguishers checked.*

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***Approve Agenda***

*M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the agenda as ammended. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Sharon Frederiksen attended the meeting to let the board know that there has been no drinking water at Isanti Estates for over a week.*

*Jim explained what was being done. Planning and Zoning will do further checking on the situation.*

### ***Planning and Zoning***

- First house permit of the year last month.*
- Inspections are up to date.*
- Cleanups are up to date.*
- Residents on the newly paved roads have been sent letters about the charges for the mailbox posts.*
- Scot Rosevold prepared a Hold Harmless agreement for the Pankan property.*
- A lot split was done for Steve Benolkin.*
- Lyle gave a county update.*

### ***Roads***

- St. Francis would like to take over the grant process for 245<sup>th</sup> as the nearest blacktop is in St. Francis, Dogwood Street.*
- A discussion was held about the gravel on Swamp Road, 253<sup>rd</sup>. Dustcoating was discussed.*
- M/S David Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds not to dustcoat 253<sup>rd</sup> this late in the year. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Jim will order signs for the crime watch neighborhoods.*
- Lisa Angeski has spoken to Barb about traffic going faster on Polk now that the road is paved.*

*M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to put up a warning sign for horses crossing the road. Motion passed unanimously. Russ will order the sign.*

*-The posted speed limit on 273<sup>rd</sup> (30 mph) is not legal. Police cannot give tickets as they will not be enforced. Jim will check on the matter.*

*-The new paving looks good.*

*M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds for striping for the roads. Motion passed unanimously. John will talk to Craig about making arrangements.*

*-We should consider raising the paving amount in the levy at year end as costs for paving have risen considerably.*

*-Roads being looked at for future paving projects - Rum River Drive and Xylite. We will need to do traffic counts.*

### **Fire**

*John shared information about the ongoing issue with the city of Isanti and the taxing district issue.*

### **Parks**

*-The balance in the park fund is \$44,080.48.*

*-The playground equipment is installed, but we still need landscaping and sand etc.*

*-Chet met with DNR about cement landings in Anderson Park on the Rum River.*

*-The security system is up and running in the field house, with night vision cameras.*

*-Russ gave a ball field update. Mike Max from WCCO came out and did a feature on the fields.*

*-The township picnic will be held on September 14 at 11 AM.*

### ***Clerk's Report***

*-Posting and publishing was done for the Board of Reorganization.*

*-Jan Palmer was given her certificate of appointment to the Board and took the oath of office.*

*-We discussed the CTAS update.*

*-We discussed open meeting laws.*

*-We have not yet received reimbursement from the county for cleanup day.*

*David Beckstrom gave an update on the Website. We hope to have it up and running by the next meeting.*

*An expansion of the town hall was discussed, including land acquisition, a community room etc. Russ will talk to Doyle Peck about land, as Doyle is planning to list his house for sale in the spring.*

*Russ presented an estimate for the security system for the town hall and the shed. Cameras were recommended as so many people go in and out.*

*M/S Barb Kilpatrick/David Beckstrom to accept the bid from Akers Home Security to spend up to \$1800.00 on security cameras. Motion passed unanimously.*

*The Planning Commission will meet with the Park Board to discuss allowing overnight camping in Township parks.*

***Treasurer's Report***

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 4638-4660 plus IRS totaling \$70,466.08). Motion passed unanimously.*

*Mike Warring gave an update on things happening at the County.*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Diane Carpenter*  
*Township Clerk*

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