

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held  
February 3, 2014 at the Town Hall*

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

*Guests: Don and Karen Mickelson, Mike Warring, Steve Balfany, Cindy Reynolds, Curt Carpenter, Ron & Rozann Adas, Russ & Ann Mann, Bill & Wendy Anderson, Donald & Heidi Vandermay, Brennan Cox*

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived, due to the Board of Audit meeting.*

*M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

***Review Action Items***

*Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:- -Jim will contact Connexus about 245<sup>th</sup> - location of road and power line.*

*-Jim will check on more prices and options for desks at the town hall.*

*-Jan will see about getting a township logo for the newsletter.*

*-Each board member will write an article for the newsletter.*

*Please have your articles for the newsletter to Dave Beckstrom by 2/15/14.*

*Jim gave an update on the desks but is still checking out options with House of Wood and Target Commercial.*

*Regarding the purchase agreement for the Peck property, Doyle would like the closing date to be the same as the sale of the house. M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to spend up to 1000.00 to cover the closing costs involved in the property purchase. Motion passed unanimously.*

*The person that Jan contacted about a township logo quoted a price of 75.00 per hour for 6 hours. The general consensus was to explore other options. A contest put in the newsletter was discussed.*

*Connexus is putting together prices for putting the line being discussed underground. Property owners will need to be contacted.*

### ***Approve Agenda***

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

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

- Four permits this month. We have assessed a couple of fines for people working without a permit. The fines consist of doubling the price of the original permit. The assessor is currently going thru the township doing property assessments.
  - A site plan for Amcon Block is before the planning commission.
  - Inspections are up to date.
  - Jim will send in the noxious weed report.
- M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to appoint Patty Cronin to fill the vacancy left by Jan Palmer on the Planning Commission. Also included in the motion was the reappointment of Dan Woodfill and Cindy Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.
- Residents raised several questions regarding a new group home opening in the southern part of the township. Athens currently has 6 group homes. The township has no jurisdiction over group homes and cannot stop them from opening. Residents were encouraged to present their concerns to the State Department of Health and Human Services.
  - Lyle gave a county update.

## **Roads**

- Roads are in good winter driving condition with a few slick spots.
  - It was suggested that we form a committee to discuss the future development of township roads. It will be mentioned in the newsletter.
- A working meeting with the Board to discuss roads will be held on March 24, 2014 at 7 PM. Diane will post the meeting.

## **Fire**

*Jan Palmer met with Randy and Alan at the Fire District and had a tour of Station 1. They also shared with her how the fire district is funded. There will be a public forum on 2/6/14 at 7 PM in Bradford to discuss fire issues.*

## **Parks**

- The balance in the park fund is \$42,371.40.*
- First meeting of the year will be held in February when we plan to discuss signage for the fields.*

## **Clerk's Report**

- All year end reports were completed for the Board of Audit.*
- The date for the Annual Meeting is March 11, 2014 at 7 PM.*
- Spring short courses for MAT will be held on March 25, 2014 in St Cloud.*
- The date set for the Board of Review is April 23, 2014 at 7 PM.*

*Lyle is checking prices for cleanup day, which will be held on May 3, 2014. We will be using the same vendors as last year. Marlys will email Lyle a list of who worked last year for cleanup day.*

*The heating problem in the town hall was discussed. Baseboard heaters like the ones in the new ball field building can be*

*purchased for 350.00 for an 8 foot unit. It was decided that we can make it until next fall before action needs to be taken.*

*Mike Warring gave a county update.*

***Treasurer's Report***

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 4811-4825 plus IRS totaling \$40,413.64). Motion passed unanimously.*

*Some discussion was held regarding the levy for the annual meeting.*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Diane Carpenter  
Township Clerk*

*Athens*

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