

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held  
February 4, 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 Mann, Mike Warring, Randy Polzin, Curt Carpenter, Brian Johnson*

*The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived as it was recited for the Board of Audit.*

*M/S Barb Kilpatrick /John Bartz to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

***Review Action Items***

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

- Marlys and Jim will research what others are receiving for cell towers.*
- Jim will fill out an application for bulk mailing.*

***Approve Agenda***

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

*Lyle will call MSA/BDM about new rates.*

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

- Four permits were issued this month.*
- Inspections are up to date.*
- The car dealer came to the Planning Commission meeting. He would like to come into compliance and requested an IUP to be a car dealer.*
- Jim sent letters to those involved with the noise issues of drums and barking dogs. The problem is taken care of.*
- Results from the Comp Plan survey were discussed. About 200 surveys were returned to us.*
- Lyle gave a county update.*

*Lyle presented the proposal for MSA to prepare grant info. He asked the board members to review it for later discussion. M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds for Russ to seek bids for shaping and paving Polk, Xeon, and 245<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.*

### ***Roads***

- Roads are frozen and slippery because of the rain we have had.*

### ***Fire***

*John gave an update on the fire district and presented their annual report. Randy Polzin was present and answered*

questions about the fire district becoming their own taxing district.

M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to approve the resolution for the fire district to be their own taxing district. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Parks**

The balance in the park fund is \$38,712.48. The new park equipment is coming tomorrow. Russ and Steve will seek bids for installation.

Warren Thundstrom is being considered for the open position on the park board.

Russ gave a ball field update.

A discussion was held about selling signage on the fencing.

Revenue from this helps the ball fields to be self supporting.

### **Clerk's Report**

-The Board of Audit was published and posted for February 4, 2013.

-Reminders were sent to the board.

-Spring short courses will be in St. Cloud on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

-The annual meeting is set for March 12, 2013 at 7 PM.

-Russ will review our insurance coverage for the township.

### **Treasurer's Report**

M/S Lyle Reynolds/David Beckstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account

*Distribution Report (checks 4454-4469 plus IRS totaling \$41,504.30). Motion passed unanimously.*

- Marlys gave a cell tower update.*
- A discussion was held about having an email feature on the township website. All who want to receive emails from it should let David know.*
- A discussion was held about the proposed levy for the annual meeting. John suggested that the levy be raised to 500,000 for building improvements to the town hall, including replacing the heating system and adding a meeting room.*

*Mike Warring gave an update on county matters.*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 PM. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Diane Carpenter  
Township Clerk*

*Athens*

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