

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held  
March 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 & Ann Mann, Aaron Merwin, Andrew Merwin, Leroy Johnson, Mike Warring, Curt Carpenter, Jim Rostberg, Craig Bjorklund*

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

*M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

***Review Action Items***

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

- David will research the cost of publishing a township letter.*
- Russ and Steve will get bids for installing the new park equipment.*

***Approve Agenda***

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

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

- One permit was issued this month.*
- Inspections are up to date.*
- Jim will make a trip through the township to check on cleanup issues after the snow melts and before all the leaves are on the trees.*
- Asphalt Associates was inquiring about parking construction equipment on private property. Jim will check with them for more information.*
- Jim requested that the board members meet with the committee about the Comp Plan.*
- Russ reviewed our updated insurance coverage.*
- No county update.*

### ***Roads***

- Roads are in good condition for winter roads.*
  - Russ presented bids for the grant proposal. We will use the bid from Rum River for the proposal.*
- M/S Lyle Reynolds/John Bartz to have BDM/MSA do the grant proposal for both roads. Motion passed unanimously.*

### ***Fire***

*There will be an informational meeting at the new fire station on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 6 PM with North Branch residents.*

*Peter will be sending documents pertaining to the fire district becoming their own taxing district.*

### ***Parks***

*The balance in the park fund is \$39,507.19. The new park equipment has been delivered.*

*M/S Barb Kilpatrick/John Bartz for Warren Thundstrom as the new park board member. Motion passed unanimously.*

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

*-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.*

### ***Treasurer's Report***

*M/S John Bartz/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 4470-4492 plus IRS totaling \$22,617.78). Motion passed unanimously.*

*Marlys gave the board several proposals for the levy for the annual meeting.*

*Motion by Dave Henderson to keep levy at the same level of \$475,000.00. No second, motion failed.*

*M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to raise the levy to \$490,000.00, adding \$15,000.00 for improvements to the town hall. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Mike Warring gave an update on county matters.*

*A 4-H group has requested to use the town hall. Barb will check on this further.*

*John Bartz suggested door fobs instead of keys if remodeling is done at the town hall.*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Diane Carpenter Athens*  
*Township Clerk*

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