

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held  
May 5, 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 & Carolyn Braun*

*Guests: Russ & Ann Mann, Curt Carpenter, Craig Bjorklund, Sue & Dave Vigstol, Bill & Wendy Anderson, Al Jankovich, Mike Warring, Leroy Johnson, Machelle Bruss, Cindy Reynolds, Tom Schibillon, Tim Swanson, Jacqueline Baker*

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

*The CICB ball players attended the meeting and presented the township with a check for \$2000.00 for field maintenance and \$5000.00 to Russ for the new lights.*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to approve the minutes of the April 7, 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.*

### *-Paving Bids*

*Concerning Connexus, they have hired an engineering firm to consult on 245<sup>th</sup>.*

### *Approve Agenda*

*M/S Barb Kilpatrick/David Beckstrom to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.*

### *Planning and Zoning*

*-A couple of permits were issued this month.*

*-Inspections are up to date.*

*-Cleanups- There is an ongoing rummage sale on 9 - Jim is giving them a cease and desist order, also they need to clean up the ravine.*

*-4786 263<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE - Big cleanup issue, realtor says no one can go on the property to clean it up, Township would be liable if something happens as we know about it. Jim will send a letter that we will be cleaning it up and charging them. We also need to take the doors off freezers and remove dangerous chemicals immediately. Jim will set a deadline for the rest of the cleanup before the June meeting.*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/David Beckstrom to authorize Jim to remove doors, chemicals, and other hazards before June 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Motion passed unanimously. Jim will take another person with him.*

*-The P & Z sent the Vigstol matter back to the board with recommendations. A public hearing was held on the matter and a discussion was held about the results.*

*M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to approve Resolution 2014-01. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S John Bartz/David Beckstrom to approve Ordinance 2014-02. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S John Bartz/Barb Kilpatrick to approve Ordinance 2014-03. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/David Beckstrom to approve Resolution 2014-03. Motion passed unanimously.*

*-Lyle gave a county update.*

## **Roads**

*-Gravel Bids were opened.*

*M/S David Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to accept the gravel bid from Bjorklunds, which was the cheapest.*

*Craig will supply us with what we need for legal records for the road maintenance.*

*-Paving bids are ready to publish.*

*-The county will supply traffic counters for roads. Each should be done for a week.*

*-245<sup>th</sup> west of Larch needs repair - Bjorklunds will take care of it.*

*-Jim will write a letter to Randall Nelson regarding the driveway issue.*

*-M/S Barb Kilpatrick/David Beckstrom to close the Road Review meeting and approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **Fire**

Jan updated the board on a fire board discussion for updating the JPA. See sheet for issues.

Al Jankovich gave a 2013 fire district update.

## **Parks**

-The balance in the park fund is \$43,342.17.

-M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve 3500.00 for wiring for the new lights for the ball field. Motion passed unanimously.

-Education MN purchased a sign to advertise in the field.

-We have a big tournament coming up the end of May. A PA system has been donated and pitching mounds have been purchased. The fields are booked through July.

-M/S Barb Kilpatrick/David Beckstrom to approve Wendy Anderson as the new park board member. Motion passed unanimously.

-Anderson Park is padlocked due to high water. The key is in the office.

## **Clerk's Report**

- M/S Lyle Reynolds/David Beckstrom to update the clerk's computer for the new version of CTAS, spending up to 400.00. Motion passed unanimously.

-Diane has been contacting election judges for upcoming training.

- Registration has been sent for Urban Short Courses.
- The Couri Ruppe is Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> in Albertville.
- Summer Short Courses are June 16<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud. Diane will need to attend clerk's election training and Lyle will attend Board of Review Recertification.

M/S John Bartz/Jan Palmer to approve the House of Wood proposal for townhall desks. Jim will follow up with them.

### **Treasurer's Report**

M/S Jan Palmer/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 4893-4928 plus IRS totaling \$24,700.79). Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Jan Palmer to approve transferring 100,000.00 from the general fund to the paving fund. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S David Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to approve expenses for Marlys to participate in the new CTAS development process up to 20 hours.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

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M/S Lyle Reynolds/David Beckstrom to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Diane Carpenter*  
*Township Clerk*

*Athens*

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