

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
October 7, 2013 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: Chris Caulk, Cindy Reynolds, Steve Balfany, Russ Mann, Don and Karen Mickelson, Leroy Johnson, Craig Bjorklund, Steve and Angie Fennell, Bill Andersen, Mike Warring

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

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Jan Palmer to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed and discussed. All were resolved.

Approve Agenda

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to approve the agenda as ammended. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Caulk from the Sheriff's office stopped by to give an update. He invited all township officers to an open house for

Safety and Rescue on October 24, 2013 prior to the All Township Supervisor Meeting.

Planning and Zoning

- Five new permits this month, short month.*
- Inspections are up to date.*
- Cleanups are up to date. The gully cleanup is still being worked on.*
- Jim presented a list of mail box posts not yet paid for. We are unable to put the charges on their taxes. Jim will send another letter.*
- Barthold Farms now owns the old Tom Johnson property. There is a problem there with hogs. Jim will contact them and get them to come to a P & Z meeting.*
- The special events ordinance has been sent to Peter Tiede to be checked out.*
- Lyle gave a county update.*

Roads

- A discussion was held regarding the results of the road review. Craig and the grader driver gave us a list of roads they feel need gravel yet this fall.*
- M/S David Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to gravel the roads recommended. Motion passed unanimously.*
- The striping is done on the new pavement. We went with the cheapest quote.*
- Mike Warring will check with a county engineer about visibility on 273rd and 23.*

- *M/S David Beckstrom/Barb Kilpatrick to close the Road Review. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *A discussion was held about the invoice we received for the repairs on 277th and Tucker. The original amount approved for this was 1000.00. The bill was 1403.68.*
- M/S David Beckstrom/Jan Palmer to approve the remainder of the funds be paid. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Snow plow bids were opened. We received only one from Bjorklund's.*
- M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to accept the bid from Bjorklund's for snow plowing for the 2013-2014 snow season. Motion passed unanimously.*

Fire

- Work on the budget will start next week.*
- An amendment to fix the pension issue is being circulated.*

Parks

- *The balance in the park fund is \$37,840.74.*
- *The township picnic was discussed. We need to be sure to send out postcards early next year will all important township dates.*
- *The new playground equipment looks great. Thanks to Chet and Steve for all their hard work.*
- *Chet is working with the DNR for the project at Anderson Park.*
- *The new lights for the ball field should be up soon.*

-During the winter, we will be working on the sign policy for the ball fields.

Clerk's Report

-The road review was published.

-The snow plowing bids were published.

-We discussed the letter we received from Safety and Rescue about reallocating our donation.

-We discussed the letter received from Corri Ruppe regarding increased rates for 2014.

-We discussed problems regarding incurring late fees from CenturyLink.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

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 4694-4734 plus IRS totaling \$44,165.40). Motion passed unanimously.

Marlys will check on a bill from Peter Tiede that was never received or paid by the township.

Township resident, Bill Anderson, brought up the issue of 245th construction. The power line is where the road should be. Jim will be calling Connexus to check it out.

*M/S Jan Palmer/Barb Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at
8:35 PM. Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Carpenter
Township Clerk*

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