

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
September 9, 2013 at the Town Hall*

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

Guests: Curt Carpenter, Cindy Reynolds, Steve Balfany, Russ and Ann Mann, Dave Henderson, Don and Karen Mickelson

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the August 5, 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/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the agenda as ammended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

-Ten new permits this month, some small for siding and roofing etc.

- Inspections are up to date.
- Cleanups are up to date. We are still working on the gully cleanup east of 65 on 9.
- Jim gave an update on the Joe Semler land. It is now owned by Wings Credit Union. It is 30 acres served by a private easement. This land cannot be built on and Wings is looking at a loss of 130,000 dollars. We will be obtaining legal advice about the situation, but not from Peter Tiede as he has a conflict of interest in the situation.
- The water issue at Isanti estates is resolved. They are still looking at long term solutions.
- The planning commission is finalizing work on the Special Events Ordinance. Peter Tiede will check it over.
- P & Z is looking at the issue of accessory structures on smaller parcels. County standards are 3 acres, township standards are 5 acres.
- It has been recommended that we revoke IUP's and CUP's no longer in use.
- The letters for the mailboxes are being sent out this month. We were waiting for verification from the county that the cost of them could be added to tax statements.
- Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

- The roads are very dry but in good condition.
- The striping is set up for the new pavement.
- The signs for the horse crossing have been ordered.

-The bill for the paving from Hardrives came in approximately \$20,000.00 under bid.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/John Bartz to bill Hardrives for \$525.00 for use of the grader on the project. Motion passed unanimously. Diane will send a bill.

-Jim will work on the speed limit issue on 273rd.

-A discussion was held about using the total devastation machine to clear the right-of-ways. A decision will be made after the fall road review, which will be held on September 30th at 5:30 PM. It was brought up that a better job could be done with just the ditch mower.

Fire

A special training session will be held at the Stanford Town Hall.

Pension discussions continue with the city of Isanti.

Budgets for next year should be out in October.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is \$38,054.56

-The township picnic will be held on September 14 at 11 AM.

-60 yards of sand has been delivered for the area around the new playground equipment.

-The new security system is up and running.

-Footings have been poured for the lights on the new field.

Clerk's Report

-A recap was presented of final costs for this year's cleanup day.

-Snow plowing bids will be published and posted for October meeting.

Jim will check to find out if we need a license for the gopher machine trailer.

John and Russ talked to Doyle and Karen Peck about land for town hall expansion.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to move forward with an appraisal of the land, spending up to \$600.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 4661-4693 plus IRS totaling \$223,360.67). Motion passed unanimously. This motion will include the extra \$200.00 cost of the security cameras.

Members of the comp plan will remain the same. Jim will post meetings for possible quorum of supervisors.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter
Township Clerk

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