

*Minutes of the Athens Township Annual Meeting  
Held March 12, 2013 at the Town Hall*

*The town clerk, Diane Carpenter, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Twenty two township residents signed the attendance sheet. More attended. See attached copy.*

*Nominations for a moderator were opened.*

*M/S Dave Henderson/John Bartz to nominate Russ Mann.*

*M/S Steve Balfany/Terry Iverson to nominate Dave Henderson.*

*The voters elected Russ Mann as moderator.*

*M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to waive reading of minutes of last year's meeting and approve them. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S John Bartz/Jim Rostberg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Marlys Balfany gave the treasurer's report.*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jim Rostberg to waive the reading of the individual checks disbursed into the record. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S John Bartz/Mike Warring to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S Dave Henderson/Lyle Reynolds to support 10 charities that we supported last year. Motion passed unanimously. These charities include the following:*

- 1. \$1.00 per household to Isanti County Historical Society.*
- 2. \$500.00 to the Seven County Senior Federation.*
- 3. \$1.00 per household to Family Pathways.*
- 4. (\$5.00/10 hours instruction per student) for summer youth community education enrollment at District 911 and/or District 15.*
- 5. \$700.00 to Isanti County Safety and Rescue.*
- 6. \$200.00 to Friends of Isanti Library.*
- 7. \$1.50 per household to New Pathways.*
- 8. \$1.50 per household to The Refuge Network.*
- 9. \$1.00 per household to the Isanti County Agricultural Society*
- 10. \$1.00 per household to 4-H.*

*M/S Jim Rostberg/Dave Henderson to continue our policy on culverts. The township buys culverts for residents and residents reimburse the Township in full. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S Lisa Angeski/Terry Iverson to continue to fund the Neighborhood Watch Groups within the township by supplying two signs to organized watch groups who apply and allow use of the town hall for meetings without cost. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/Lisa Angeski to continue township's payment of \$2.00 a pair for gopher feet. The county no longer reimburses us for gopher feet and the township will absorb the entire cost. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S John Bartz/Dave Henderson to continue to reimburse Athen's residents for gopher poison applied to Athens township agricultural lands after completing reimbursement form. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S Marlys Balfany/Jim Rostberg to approve weed and brush mowing for weed control along township roads. Motion passed unanimously.*

*The 2014 Levy proposal was presented to the attending town residents to consider:*

*\$290,000.00 Road & Bridge*

*\$125,000.00 Revenue*

*\$ 75,000.00 Fire Fund*

*M/S Dave Henderson/Jim Rostberg to set the 2014 Levy at \$490,000.00 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Dave Henderson gave an update on township roads. The roads are in good condition. Dave also explained dustcoating. Russ Mann gave an update on the grants in progress to help with paving.*

*Russ Mann gave an update on the parks. Several Little League players were represented at the meeting. Russ spoke about all our parks and the 2 ball fields. He also discussed plans for a park on the east side of the township near the new fire station. Lisa Angeski gave an update on the new playground equipment.*

*The township celebration discussion authorized contributing \$2000.00 (funding for a public celebration must be authorized by the Town per MN statute.)*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/David Beckstrom to authorize the township board to make \$2000.00 available for a 2013 celebration with the understanding that all monies need not be spent. Motion passed unanimously.*

*John Bartz gave an update on the Fire District.*

*David Beckstrom gave an update on the Athens website.*

*Lyle Reynolds gave an update on Planning and Zoning. 85 permits were issued in 2012. The town code was updated in 2012 to comply with the county code. Also, much work was done on the comp plan.*

*Cleanup day is planned for May 4, 2013. A price list will be posted at the town hall.*

*M/S Marlys Balfany/Lyle Reynolds to continue to use Landmark and Peoples as the primary banks of the township and Community Pride and Affinity as secondary banks for the township. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S John Bartz/Jim Rostberg to use Isanti County News as the official newspaper of the township. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S Marlys Balfany/Jim Rostberg to designate the town hall for official postings. Motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that there be more lighting for the posting board and also that more things are posted on the sign.*

*M/S Russ Mann/Steve Balfany to set the 2014 Annual Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, otherwise March 11, 2014, convening at 7:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S John Bartz/Dave Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Diane Carpenter*  
*Township Clerk*

*Athens*

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*Moderator*