

## Minutes of the Athens Township Annual Meeting Held March 13, 2018 at the Town Hall

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

Nominations for a moderator were opened.

M/S Dave Henderson/Chris Olson to nominate John Bartz.

No other nominations were made.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

M/S Marlys Balfany/Lyle Reynolds to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Marlys Balfany gave the treasurer's report.

M/S Dave Henderson/Chris Olson to waive the reading of the individual checks disbursed into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Henderson/Chris Olson to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Safety and Rescue gave an update on things that have been accomplished this past year.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Dave Henderson to support 8 charities that we supported last year, with no changes. Motion passed unanimously.

These charities include the following:

1. \$1.00 per household to Isanti County Historical Society.
2. \$700.00 to the Seven County Senior Federation.
3. \$2.50 per household to Family Pathways.
4. \$2.50 per household to Isanti County Safety and Rescue.
5. \$200.00 to Friends of Isanti Library.
6. \$1.50 per household to New Pathways.

7. \$1.00 per household to the Isanti County Agricultural Society
8. \$1.00 per household to 4-H.

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

M/S Dave Henderson/Lyle Reynolds 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 Dave Henderson/Marlys Balfany 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 Dave Henderson/Chris Olson to continue to reimburse Athens residents for gopher poison applied to Athens township agricultural lands after completing reimbursement form. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve weed and brush mowing for weed control along township roads. Motion passed unanimously.

The 2019 Levy proposal was presented to the attending town residents to consider:

\$300,000.00 Road & Bridge  
\$140,000.00 Revenue  
\$ 95,000.00 Fire Fund

M/S Dave Henderson/Lyle Reynolds to set the 2019 Levy at \$535,000.00 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Chris Olson gave an update on township roads. We have replaced a lot of signs this year. Ditch maintenance is planned for this year. Paving was finished on Rum River Drive. We have had good reports on Hass paving.

Russ Mann gave an update on the ball fields. He discussed the new bathroom facility that was built this year.

Barb Kilpatrick gave a park update. She talked about the walking path, the playgrounds, the ball fields, and the picnic shelters.

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

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to authorize the township board to make \$2000.00 available for a 2018 celebration with the understanding that all monies need not be spent. Motion passed unanimously.

Jason Polzin gave an update on the Fire District. 11% of the calls last year were to Athens township. Station three is looking great. We also have five new firefighters this year.

John Bartz gave a P&Z update. He explained that Jim and Carolyn Braun no longer work for the township. He also mentioned the new P&Z inspector. The solar gardens were also mentioned.

M/S Dave Henderson/Chris Olson to continue to use 1<sup>st</sup> Bank and Trust and Flagship as the primary banks of the township and Community Pride as a secondary bank for the township. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Marlys Balfany/Lyle Reynolds to use Isanti County News as the official newspaper of the township. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Marlys Balfany/Barb Kilpatrick to designate the town hall for official postings. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to set the 2019 Annual Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, otherwise March 12, 2019, convening at 7:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Marlys Balfany/Dave Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter

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Athens Township Clerk

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Moderator