

*Minutes of the Special Athens Town Board Meeting Held
March 25, 2014 at the Town Hall*

Board members present: John Bartz, Barb Kilpatrick, Lyle Reynolds.

Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany

Isanti Township Board Members: Don Hansen, Scott Walburg, Guy Lillemo

Guests: Cindy Reynolds

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

John Bartz called this special meeting to have a discussion between the board and Isanti Township on what is happening within the fire district.

John gave board members a short recap of the history of the Isanti Fire District and the Joint Powers agreement.

Last month a meeting was held with Sue Larson, Don Hanson, John Bartz and George Wimmer. George Wimmer and the City of Isanti are considering leaving the Joint Powers if some things are not changed.

The city of Isanti would like to see weighted voting, the formula for calculating premiums based on property valuation, and something done about the pension fund.

Two townships most affected if the City of Isanti decides to leave the fire district would be Isanti Township and Athens Township.

Any changes to our current fire district would cost taxpayers more for fire protection. Part of the township receives fire service from the station on 9, and part of the township receives fire service from the Isanti City station. Most of the firefighters live in the city of Isanti.

A fifteen month notice is required for anyone wishing to leave the fire district.

Options were discussed between the two boards on what to do if the city decides to leave the fire district. For now, it was decided to wait and see what the city does. If they give notice, we will have another meeting.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter
Township Clerk

Athens

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