

## **Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held March 6, 2023 at the Town Hall**

Board members present: Dave Henderson, Amy Peterson, Todd Christensen, Chris Olson, Dave Beckstrom (Remote) Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany (Remote), Deputy Treasurer Erin Olson, and Mike Jungbauer

Guests: Jason Ross, Lyle Reynolds, Billy Larson, Mike Warring, Mark Blood, Dennis Sharp

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

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Remaining was:  
Amy will check on park fees in other areas.  
Some she checked ranged from 750-2500.

### **Approve Agenda**

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

### **Planning & Zoning**

-A discussion was held about the CUP for Dennis Sharp for the Mini Storage. P&Z recommended passage by the board. Mike read and explained the resolution. The time was changed to 5AM

to 10 PM seven days a week to match their other storage facilities.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve Resolution 2023-03 approving the CUP for the mini storage with changes mentioned. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve Resolution 2023-02 to change the animal control ordinance so it is more enforceable. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve Ordinance 2023-01 amending section 3-2 of the town code relating to animal regulations. Motion passed unanimously.

-There will be a public hearing on ADU's at March P&Z meeting.

-Jason spoke with MNDOT – they will allow a frontage road to be built near George's greenhouse.

-Two work meetings have be ok'd for P&Z and will need to be scheduled.

-Volunteers needed to box scanning stuff.

-We have heard nothing from Paul Villella.

-Todd, Mike and Marlys will work on a P&Z budget.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

## **Roads**

-Roads are in good winter condition.

-Street signs are being ordered. We are waiting on an estimate.

-We are putting out feelers for paving on the East Side this year.

## **Fire**

-In January the fire district had 87 runs, 11 for Athens. Our response time is 5 minutes.

## **Parks**

- The balance in the park fund is 86,616.41.
- Amy got some estimates for things to add to the park like sports courts etc. She is seeking input at the March Park Board meeting.

## **Clerk's Report**

- Reminder that the Annual Meeting will be held at 7PM on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the town hall.
- The Board of Review and Equalization will be held at 7PM on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the town hall.
- MATIT insurance was scammed out of 834,197.00.
- We received confirmation from the Historical Society for destruction and scanning of documents according to township retention schedules.
- Diane contacted CenturyLink to change our internet and update phone usage.

## **Treasurer's Report-**

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report & IRS (checks 7907-7921 plus IRS totaling 40,437.51). Motion passed unanimously.

The clerk and the treasurer are in balance.

- Marlys gave a budget report.
- Payroll claims need to be sent to Marlys by March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- State Board of audit reporting is done.

## **General-**

Cleanup day plans are coming together. Amy will talk to Steve about donating hot dogs again this year. We will try to have the grill by then.

The issue of Todd's Facebook page was brought up and it was stated that it is not sponsored by Athens township but it gives the appearance that it is official. Dave Henderson asked that it be closed down but Todd refused, stating that it serves a good purpose for the community. We will check with MAT.

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:38

PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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