

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held July 10, 2023 at the Town Hall

Board members present: Dave Henderson, Todd Christensen, Chris Olson, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, and Mike Jungbauer

Guests: Jason Ross, Mike Warring, Curt Carpenter, Lyle Reynolds, Jack Cole, Tom Heinen, AJ Ondrey

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

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. None remained.

Approve Agenda

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

Diane Carpenter presented the board with a letter of resignation from Supervisor Amy Peterson.

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to accept the resignation.

Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding filling the seat. It was decided that in the absence of Dave Beckstrom, nominations will be voted on at the August meeting. Interest from the audience was expressed by Tom Heinen and AJ Ondrey. Until the seat is filled, Chris will cover parks, Todd will take town hall rental, and Dave Henderson will cover the fire board. Candidates should present

qualifications, background, and why they wish to serve on the board.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

- P&Z is working on a name change from ag residential to rural residential.

-Mike presented a request from the Green Barn to serve alcohol at the sunflower festival. The town board must approve before they can apply to the county.

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to approve their application to the county. Motion passed unanimously.

-Knapp applied to change use of their permit. It was denied.

-Mike sent a letter to a zoning violation, RV with electric hookup and has not yet received a response.

-Mike inquired about checking with Peter Tiede about the Todd Dooley issue. It was decided that we should wait.

-Mike requested two additional work meetings for P&Z.

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to approve two additional meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads

-Grader is in good shape and gravelling is mostly done.

-There is one culvert to install and three to replace. This will be done the same time as the work on 264th.

-80% of sign installation is complete.

-249th and 6th needs patching.

Fire

-There was a good turnout for the rodeo.

Parks

- There was no park meeting held in June.
- Balance in the park fund is 76,362.42.
- Diane will issue a check to Chris for the remaining funds for the township celebration at the August meeting. A check for 1500.00 was issued to Game World.

The website is moving forward with Dan and Dave.
Mike will work on the newsletter.

Clerk’s Report

- Our household count for this year is 804.
- We received a reimbursement check from Isanti County for cleanup day in the amount of 1000.00.
- Next year our July meeting will be held on July 1st.

Treasurer’s Report-

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report & IRS (checks 8018-8051 plus IRS totaling 83,606.59).
Motion passed unanimously.
The clerk and the treasurer are in balance.
-Marlys gave a budget report.

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter Athens Township Clerk

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