

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held June 3, 2024 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Jason Ross, Mike Warring, Billy Larson, Lyle Reynolds, Jon & Cindy Anderson, Janell Harwell

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

M/S Chris Olson/Tom Heinen to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

- Trailer for gopher machine Todd
- Mike will work on documentation for 245th roadway

Approve Agenda

M/S Tom Heinen/Todd Christensen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Lyle gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

-There has been no response from the state regarding the riding arena in violation. She does not wish to work with Mike. He will reach out to Leon to contact her to see if we can make any progress on the matter.

-Mike will touch base with Russell Holmes to see what his attorney said on the dog issue. The animal ordinance will be discussed this month at P&Z. Another anonymous resident has issued a complaint. Jon & Cindy Anderson complained again that they were gone and the dogs barked all day. The sheriff would not come out. We would like to ask the sheriff to attend a meeting to discuss their part in ordinance enforcement for the township. Other disputes are arising from this contention, including placement of flower planters, and a fence on the road right of way by Anderson's gas and electric lines. Mike has asked Russell to move the fence.

-Three public hearings are scheduled for the June meeting.

-Parts to repair the sign have finally been shipped.

Roads

-The repairs on the grader have been completed.

-Dust coating is complete.

-We will be gravelling 245th and Larch. Some additional gravel will be needed in the fall.

-Steve Hass will be mowing the ditches this year.

-Tree trimming will begin shortly.

-An inquiry was made about paving 273rd. There are not enough residents to justify the expense but residents themselves may pave it.

-The state is putting up safety fences on HWY 65.

Fire

The fire budget is on track for the year.

Parks

-Tom & Jason will locate the survey stakes at Fred Cross Park. A neighbor is using land belonging to the park.

-Dave Henderson suggested using some park funds for improving other parks the township has like Fred Cross and Anderson Park.

Clerk's Report

- We received partial reimbursement for the PNP election.
- A discussion was held about informing residents of any conflicts of interest.
- We have not yet received a bill from Evergreen.
- Reminder that the July meeting will be held on July 1st.
- Kennedy and Graven lawyers have split into two firms. Mike will contact them regarding who will be servicing our account.
- Payroll claims are due on Monday June 24th.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Tom Heinen/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report & IRS (checks 8300-8319 plus IRS totaling 133,950.38 with check 8302 being voided). Motion passed unanimously.

The clerk and the treasurer are in balance.

-Marlys went over the budget.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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