

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held August 5, 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, Janell Harwell, Lyle Reynolds, Tom Lundeen, Curt Carpenter

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

M/S Tom Heinen/Todd Christensen to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2024 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

Those remaining:

- Mike will contact Kennedy & Graven regarding split
- Tom & Jason will locate survey stakes at Fred Cross Park.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Lyle gave a county update.

Russ Mann gave an update on security for the park and town hall. He presented two estimates to the board for consideration. Brink's, a third supplier, dropped out of the bidding as they have no installers in our area. He will be checking with a few more companies and will report back.

Planning & Zoning

- There will be a PH in August for Twin Cities Berry Company. Todd stopped by the operation and said it is very nice.
- Mike is investigating who owns the old wedding venue as cars have been moving in and out. It is in bankruptcy court. Mike and Dave B. will check on setting up cameras to see if we can figure out who is using the property. We have had complaints from the neighbors, but Mike has never been able to find someone there.
- Codification is in the organizational stages.
- Still waiting on parts for the sign repair.
- A discussion was held about a person that we may get to work for the township to fulfill community service.

Roads

- We graded three times this month, skimming because of the chloride.
- We will be installing three culverts in the fall.
- We may need to do some touch up mowing.
- Chris is getting a quote from Fahrner for seal coating and striping. Do we want to do the road in the park?
- We are looking for someone to install signs.

Fire

There was a civilian injury during the rodeo parade.
In June, there were two calls in Athens township.

Parks

- The township picnic is coming up on September 7th. M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to pay up to six people to help at the picnic. Motion passed unanimously.
- A discussion was held regarding parking at Anderson park as people park up and down the road.

Clerk's Report

- All notices and ballots were posted for the election.
- Election judge schedules were finalized.
- All election judge training was completed.
- Cleanup day costs were finalized and a letter was sent to Isanti county requesting reimbursement for part of the cost.
- Reminder that the September meeting is on the 9th due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Chris Olson/Tom Heinen to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report & IRS (checks 8350-8370 plus IRS totaling 40,683.01). Motion passed unanimously.

The clerk and the treasurer are in balance.

- Marlys went over the budget.

Dead animals from road kill are not to be dumped on state land. We will call the wild life science center in Lindstrom to see where they should be taken.

Todd will speak with AJ regarding repairs on the gopher machine trailer.

A bear has been sighted in the township so use caution.

M/S Todd Christensen/Tom Heinen to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date _____

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