

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held January 6, 2020 at the Town Hall

Board members present: Dave Beckstrom, Todd Christensen, Amy Peterson, Chris Olson, Barb Kilpatrick, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, and Mike Jungbauer

Guests: Lyle Reynolds, Billy Larson, Richard & Joann Popp, Jason Ross, Steve Hass, Curt Carpenter, Mike Warring

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

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:

- Quotes for library stations and birdhouses
- Dave will check on a sound system for the town hall.
- Newsletter
- Barb will check with Bill about the lawn mower servicing.

Approve Agenda

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Todd Christensen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Planning and Zoning

- Lyle gave a county update.
- Lyle gave a comp plan update. No meeting was held since the Regular Town Board meeting in December.

-Mike Jungbauer is getting acclimated to his new role of P&Z Administrator. A discussion was held regarding computer needs for P&Z.

M/S Todd Christensen/Barb Kilpatrick to spend up to 2000.00 to purchase a computer and tablet for P&Z, along with programs.

Motion passed unanimously.

-A discussion was held regarding purchasing a lockbox for the office to keep copies of keys etc.

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to purchase a combo lockbox at a cost of up to 100.00. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom to approve the solar farm release contract as amended by Peter Tiede. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads

-Lots of plowing, scraping and sanding this month. We may need some gravel if the warmup continues.

-Regarding 245th, Dave and Chris met with Steve Strandlund and Jack from East Bethel. East Bethel will be discussing the proposal.

-Century Link sent letters about damage to cables. We had hired locators, and have an email that there was nothing in the area.

They originally damaged our culvert. Peter Tiede will respond to their letters.

Fire

-The town board requested a clean copy of the proposed changes to the JPA. A discussion will then be held when we can tell what we are actually signing.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund was 40,678.61.

-No meeting this month.

Clerk's Report

-We need to appoint election judges for 2020. Diane presented the board with a list of judges.

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to appoint the people on the list as election judges for 2020 elections.

-The following resolutions were passed regarding work being done by the supervisors and families for 2020.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2020-01 for Jim Kilpatrick to do trash pickup for the township. Motion passed unanimously with Barb abstaining from the vote.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Todd Christensen to approve Resolution 2020-02 for Keagann Olson to do P&Z work for the township. Motion passed unanimously with Chris abstaining from the vote.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2020-03 for Barb Kilpatrick to serve as election judge for 2020. Motion passed unanimously with Barb abstaining from the vote.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Barb Kilpatrick to approve Resolution 2020-04 for Erin Olson to serve as an election judge for 2020. Motion passed unanimously with Chris abstaining from the vote.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2020-05 for Amy Peterson to serve as an election judge for 2020. Motion passed unanimously with Amy abstaining from the vote.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve Resolution 2020-06 for Dave Beckstrom to host the township website. Motion passed unanimously with Dave abstaining from the vote.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2020-07 for Steve Balfany to perform miscellaneous maintenance duties for the township. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2020-08 for Curt Carpenter to perform miscellaneous maintenance duties for the township. Motion passed unanimously.

- The Board of Audit meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Monday February 3, 2020 before the regular board meeting.
- Election judge training has been scheduled with the county for the Presidential primary which will be on March 3, 2020.
- All year end reports have been completed and balanced with the treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Todd Christensen/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6979--6989 totaling 24,788.68). Motion passed unanimously.

- Marlys gave a budget update.
- A discussion was held about the 2021 levy for the town annual meeting. It was decided to keep the levy the same for 2021.

Dave is working on the newsletter. He hopes to have it out this week.

Todd has talked to a couple different sign companies and is getting estimates.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 9:07PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date _____