

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held January 10, 2022 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Jason Ross, Mike Warring, Billy Larson, Craig Wills, Lyle Reynolds

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived due to Board of Reorganization meeting.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. All were completed.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

-Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

No meeting was held in December.

-Mike is working with Paul Villetta on the Rum River Scenic Ordinance. Craig Wills attended the board meeting and will attend the January P&Z meeting. We have several options for settling this issue. We can adopt the county ordinance, we can

make revisions, or we can let the DNR adopt an ordinance for the township which is very costly.

P&Z will discuss at January meeting and return to the board in February.

Discussion was also held and it was decided that existing properties that may conflict with the ordinance when passed will be nonconforming to fit what is already in place.

-The Jeff Alfveby bond is released.

-M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to spend up to 750.00 to install a wall heater in the office for Mike. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom to install shelves and a standup desk for Mike at a cost up to 1000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads

-Plowing, salting and sanding going on as it is winter. If someone calls about road conditions, have them call Chris.

-In 2023, we are looking at doing the railroad crossing. Possible to use APRA funds for that expense.

Fire

-No fire update.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 53,765.16.

-No additional report.

Clerk's Report

- Reminder that February's meeting will be held on February 7th and will begin at 6:30 for the board of audit.

-All 2021 receipts and disbursements have been reconciled with the treasurer.

-A letter was sent to the county for cleanup day reimbursement.

-The Board of Reorganization meeting was posted for tonight.

