

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
February 1, 2021 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Billy Larson, Pat Cahill, Jason Ross, Curt Carpenter, Tom Lundeen, Mike Warring, Jerome Pikus, Steve Hass

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

M/S Amy Peterson/Dave Henderson to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. None remained.

Approve Agenda

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

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

- A special use zoning permit was discussed for Patrick Cahill to clean out ponds for wetland restoration. Mike read the conditions of the permit as it has already been recommended by P&Z.

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2021-04 approving the special use permit for Patrick Cahill. Motion passed unanimously.

-The road straightening proposal was forwarded to the Faye Olson family. We are waiting on a response and then Chris and Mike will meet with them.

-There was a complaint about a resident running a recycling plant by the solar farm. Mike will cite.

-We have still had no response regarding the business on 267th being run from the resident's home.

-Dance Dynamics sent Mike the Isanti county info on their sign ordinance.

-The solar farm has not completed tree planting but it appears that the neighbor is not letting them on his land to complete the work.

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen that we will have Peter draft a letter to try to resolve the issue. The CUP could be revoked if conditions are not met. Motion passed unanimously.

-Peter sent a letter to the cell companies, regarding SBA rents.

-We are working on plan regarding the public putting notices on the township sign.

Roads

-Seal coating bids have been requested for spring.

-When it warms up, we have some signs that need to be replaced.

-Plowing is going well. A few complaints have been received but they were for Isanti County plows.

Fire

-Athens pays 14% of the fire district budget. Our budget for this year is just over 91,000.00.

Parks

-A discussion was held regarding improvements at Anderson Park. M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve the Connexus quote and move forward with the Anderson Park project. Motion passed unanimously.

Amy asked that supervisors get articles to her for a newsletter that she would like to send in the next couple of months.

Clerk's Report

- The year end reports are complete and the Board of Audit meeting was posted and published for 2021.
- Reminder that the annual meeting date is March 9, 2021 at 7 PM.
- In your packets, there is an updated phone list. This is for supervisors. Do not share others' personal info with constituents.
- Diane contacted MAT about a LBAE resolution. They don't have one but Mike has some generic ones that may work.
- We should start thinking about cleanup day soon.

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 (checks 7307-7320 plus IRS totaling 50,508.67). Motion passed unanimously.

- Marlys gave a budget update.
- The levy was discussed for the annual meeting. It was recommended that we keep it the same, but we will reallocate 500.00 extra dollars from the general fund to the fire fund.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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