

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held February 3, 2020 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Lyle Reynolds, Billy Larson, Jason Ross, Steve Hass, Curt Carpenter, Mike Warring, Cindy & Jon Anderson, Steve Strandlund, Jim Rostberg, Susan Morris, Al Jankovich

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

M/S Todd Christensen/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 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 Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Susan Morris and Jim Rostberg gave a presentation about the Veterans' Park being built in Cambridge. They would like the townships to donate at their annual meetings.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Planning and Zoning

-Lyle gave a county update.

-Lyle gave a comp plan update. At the January meeting, they reviewed the vision statement and worked on the survey.

-Regarding 245th – Discussions were held with East Bethel and Chris presented their proposals to the board. The proposal states that they will not pay more than 44,000 for the project. Chris recommended agreeing with the proposal. There was verbal agreement from all the supervisors. We will now wait for East Bethel to formally vote on the proposal.

-Andy gave an update on the digital records.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Amy Peterson to authorize 5000.00 dollars more for the project. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike gave a P&Z update. Lots of calls about subdividing land. Also, there is a man that wants to build a construction business on Highway 65. The state will require a turning lane. The board would like a guarantee for the money for the turning lane. The state will offer a possible time extension. Discussion was held about a development agreement.

-Jason Ross is applying for a mining permit.

-The fee for Isanti County Zoning to consider making us exempt from their zoning is 500.00.

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve 500.00 for the application. Motion passed unanimously.

-A discussion was held about the Century Link claim. We will be forwarding documentation to MATIT and Peter Tiede.

-Mike is working on getting ordinances updated to deal with the llama/animal situation going on in the township. We need to get penalty ordinances in place.

Roads

- We have been doing some grading after the warm up and the snow melt.
- Chris notified the board that several stop signs have been taken.

Fire

- Al Jankovich came to the meeting to explain the changes to the JPA. He also gave us a clean copy of what it would become. There is no change to the formula.
- M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to approve the JPA changes.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund was 41,796.95.
- No meeting this month.
- Todd mentioned looking into pickleball for the park.

Clerk's Report

- The board of Audit meeting was posted and published.
- Changing the amount of life insurance for township officers was discussed. Board members felt that it should remain the same.
- All year end reports have been completed for the Board of Audit.
- Centurylink was contacted regarding bills which are still incorrect.
- Resolutions have been completed for town officials and families doing work for the township.
- MAT was contacted regarding private versus public information.
- The Board of Appeals will be held on April 20th at 7 PM.

Treasurer's Report

- M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6990--7006 totaling 41,959.10). Motion passed unanimously.

Todd presented quotes for signs for out front. Most ranged at approximately 30,000. Mike may have contacts that could give us a better price.

Cleanup day was discussed. The date is May 2, 2020. It was brought up that we need to try for a better count on tires this year.

Curt will install the lockbox that was purchased for spare keys in the office.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter Athens Township Clerk

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