

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
March 2, 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, Steve Strandlund

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 February 3, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:

- Dave will check on a sound system for the town hall.
- Newsletter
- Barb will check with Bill about the lawn mower servicing.
- Barb will check on getting more keys for the town hall.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/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. This month's meeting will be held on Thursday March 5, due to the elections being held on Tuesday at the town hall.

-Mike mentioned that we need a plan to present to the Isanti county commissioners if we want them to change the zoning ordinance so that Athens is independent of Isanti county.

-Mike has been checking on sign prices for out front. If we get two lines, (which is pretty much all you can read driving by), it would be cheaper.

-Ordinances coming up at P&Z for administrative fines, DNR, Shoreland, and flood plains.

Roads

-Chris talked about reducing ditch gravel.

-245th – we are getting close. Waiting on EB and attorneys. There is a work session scheduled March 5th with the power company.

-The Spring Road review is scheduled for May 11th at 5:30.

Fire

-No report.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund was 42,973.75.

-No meetings until April or May.

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Clerk's Report

-The Annual meeting was posted and published.

-Diane attended meetings at the Auditor's office for elections.

The Presidential Primary election is tomorrow.

-Prep is being completed for the annual meeting.

-Spring Short courses will be held March 24th in St Cloud.

-Please have payroll claims to Maryls by March 31st.

-The Board of Appeals will be held on April 20th at 7 PM.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Amy Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 7007--7021 totaling 14,379.73). Motion passed unanimously.

Todd presented a price list for cleanup day. We may need to update the list of prices that we charge. Chris and Erin will be in charge of the food for cleanup day again this year and Steve Hass will furnish the hot dogs. Cleanup day is scheduled for May 2, 2020.

A discussion was held about holding extra work meetings for the board. The consensus was that we will do that if something comes up.

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date _____