

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
March 6, 2017 at the Town Hall**

Board members present: Jan Palmer, Lyle Reynolds, Chris Olson, Dave Beckstrom, Barb Kilpatrick, Deputy Treasurer Amy Peterson, Clerk Diane Carpenter

Guests: Ron Schlieff, Mike Warring, Diane Bjorklund, Cindy Reynolds, Steve Hass, Jim Kilpatrick, Richard Bopp, Aaron Merwin, Caleb Merwin, Curt Carpenter, Randy and Sheila Nelson

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting as ammended. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed. Remaining was getting quotes for updating the electricity at the town hall and sending the letter for the pole building addition without a permit.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

-Jim was out for an emergency. There was no P&Z report.
-The ordinance for Permit fees needs clarification and will be looked at next month.

-Dave presented a cost analysis for P&Z training – estimate of 940.00 for a three hour class. If the board attends, there would be the extra per diem cost.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to approve up to 1500.00 for P&Z and board training. Motion passed unanimously.

-Please send topic suggestions to Dave and we will try to set a date at the April meeting.

-Jan met with George Wimmer on the Cox issue. She gave him a copy of the engineer's report. She went through several options with the board for what can be done with the road. It was determined by Peter Tiede that the city of Isanti now owns the road. The city attorney will be looking into the matter.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Russ presented a cost analysis for finishing the paving on Rum River Drive this summer. Lyle and Russ will prepare bids for publishing for the April meeting.

-A real estate offer for buying five acres from Bob next to the town hall was presented.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Jan Palmer to buy the five acres from Bob for 50,000.00 plus closing costs and survey fees. Motion passed unanimously.

-Chris reported that we have already been grading roads this spring.

-Chris brought us up to date on repairs for the grader.

-Chris presented two different gravel quotes for this year, one with just the gravel and one for total road maintenance.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to use the Road Maintenance Quote. Motion passed unanimously.

-A date of April 24, 2017 was set for the spring road review. Diane will publish and post.

-No HWY 65 or watershed reports.

Fire

-Jan gave an update on the fire district budget for the upcoming year.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 25,719.73.

-Russ gave an update on the bathrooms.

-No meeting this month.

Clerk's Report

-Diane gave dates for the Board of Review and Spring and Summer short courses, and also the upcoming legal short course.

-Preparations are complete for the annual meeting.

-Diane assisted Amy with treasurer duties this month with Marlys gone.

-The county will be purchasing new election equipment and the cost to the township will be approximately 3000.00.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5969-5987 plus IRS totaling \$35,263.41). Motion passed unanimously.

The 911 sign grant was not approved.

Dave Beckstrom presented findings concerning cost of a wireless projector for the township.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to spend up to 800.00 on a projector. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date
