

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
April 1, 2019 at the Town Hall**

Board members present: Barb Kilpatrick, Chris Olson, Todd Christensen, Amy Peterson, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany and Ryan Grittman

Guests: Steve Hass, Curt Carpenter, Billy Larson, Lyle Reynolds, Betty & Larry King, Norman Johnson, Mike Warring, Steve Strandlund, Rebecca Mauriala-Kuehn, William Kuehn

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

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed.

Remaining was Todd will work on cleanup day. Things are currently being finalized with vendors and workers.

Approve Agenda

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

Steve Strandlund attended the meeting. East Bethel has backed out of their previous agreement regarding 245th. Reasons given were cost, tree removal etc. Chris will be sending them a letter about gravel. Other options were discussed.

Planning and Zoning

-When the comp plan was worked on in 2014, nothing was ever completed and passed. Ryan had to go back to 2004.

-No meeting was held in March.

-Ryan wanted to know how the board felt about updating the ordinance for temporary camping. The county ordinance states it is allowed May through October.

-Todd requested a code enforcement workshop. Andy stated that it takes time to build a reputation for enforcement.

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to approve funds for a workshop. Motion passed unanimously. Ryan will email board members possible dates.

-Regarding the camper issue, three letters were sent by Ryan and Peter. No building permit was ever obtained and no site plan presented.

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to proceed with court actions and to authorize criminal prosecution. Motion passed unanimously.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Very little plowing was necessary this month. The grader has been switched from plowing to grading mode.

-Plans are proceeding for chloride.

-The road review is set for Monday May 20, 2019 @ 5:30.

-Only one road quote was received from Hass Construction. Rates were the same as 2018.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Amy Peterson to accept the quote from Hass Construction. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire

-Amy had a photo of the new truck being purchased. This will be paid for thru capital funding. FEMA grants have been obtained for training.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund was 36,629.96.
- Barb attended a county meeting on trees and insect control.
- There will be no park meetings until spring.
- Barb presented the idea of small library lending stations. She will be getting quotes for the buildings.
- Amy suggested adding bird houses to the park.
- A suggestion was made that it would be nice to have somewhere to play basketball.
- The butterfly garden will be worked on this spring.

Clerk's Report

- The Annual meeting was completed.
- The Board of Review is set for April 15. It has been posted and published.
- Spring short courses were attended by Diane, Barb and Todd.
- Cleanup day will be posted in the paper and the scotsman. Diane will also send the info to Dan for the Website.
- Chris Olson and Dave Henderson will be in charge of food for cleanup day.

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 6708-6746 plus IRS totaling 34,158.14). Motion passed unanimously.

- Marlys gave a budget update.
- Marlys also gave some info on ball field signs for this year.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter Athens Township Clerk

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