

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held  
April 2, 2018 at the Town Hall**

Board members present: John Bartz, Dave Beckstrom, Chris Olson, Lyle Reynolds, Barb Kilpatrick, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, and Ryan Grittman

Guests: Curt Carpenter, Steve Hass, Blake Bjorklund, Diane Bjorklund, Andy Schreder, Mike Warring

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Review Action Items**

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:

- Barb will contact Ann Mann and see if she is interested in filing P&Z documents.
- Lyle will contact workers for cleanup day,

**Approve Agenda**

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

**Planning and Zoning**

- The solar ordinance was tabled at the prior P&Z meeting for further review.
- Gary Akervik would like to donate a parcel of land to the township.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to proceed with acceptance of the property donation.

-Andy presented the fee schedule. There were still some questions that needed answering. He will be making a few more updates.

-John will be taking the plat for Emerald Estates to Peter Tiede for a signature.

-Darrin Nelson will not be applying for a CUP as he has decided not to pursue the auto repair business.

-There is an open seat on P&Z as Jake Carpenter has resigned. Candidates are being sought.

## **Roads**

-Gravel quotes were received from two different companies. Board members were given a copy of both for review. The board will make a decision at the May meeting.

-The spring road review will be held on Monday April 30, leaving the town hall at 5:30 PM. Diane will post and publish it.

-Tree trimming is approximately half done.

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to authorize 3500.00 to complete the tree trimming by Tom Lundeen. Motion passed unanimously.

-A discussion was held about completing the ditch work planned for this summer. It should be done before we dustcoat.

-There is no street sign at 265<sup>th</sup> and Rum River Drive.

## **Fire**

-We now have 32 firefighters in our district. Medical runs are up by about 20%.

-The fire district is still discussing the lease on station one in Isanti. Rates may increase because of this issue. A task force is being considered for the purpose of looking into building a new station instead of leasing and repairing the old one.

## **Parks**

- The first park board meeting of the year will be held in April.
- The balance in the park fund was 40,700.97. The exercise equipment for the walking path will be ordered soon.

## **Clerk's Report**

- The Annual meeting was held on March 13. The tax levy for 2019 was sent to the Auditor's Office.
- Spring Short courses were attended on March 27 in St. Cloud.
- The Board of Review meeting is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.
- Gravel quotes were published and posted for the April meeting.

## **Treasurer's Report**

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Dave Beckstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6348-6384 plus IRS totaling 49,860.58). Motion passed unanimously.

-We did receive some escrow funds from SoCore for the solar ordinance expenses.

-Plans for cleanup day are coming together. Lyle is contacting people. Evergreen rates are similar to last year, but the cost for a metal dumpster is higher.

-Waste management is higher this year on the cost of the dumpsters, but they do provide free garbage pickup for the township all year long.

-Lyle will call workers for cleanup day.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve up to 400.00 for food for cleanup day. Motion passed unanimously.

Barb will be in charge of the food.

We need to order more mailbox posts. The cost to residents is 100.00 for the post, or 135.00 if they would like us to install it for them.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:31PM.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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