

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held April 4, 2022 at the Town Hall

Board members present: Dave Henderson, Amy Peterson, Chris Olson, Todd Christensen, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, and Mike Jungbauer

Guests: Jason Ross, Billy Larson, Curt Carpenter, Steve Hass

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

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Remaining were:
Mike will create a zoning violation form to be used for the Road Review.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Cambridge Isanti ball players and coaches attended the meeting with Russ and Ann Mann. Russ outlined plans for the park and ball fields for the upcoming year and donations were made from the players for field maintenance.

Planning & Zoning

-Mike presented the changes to Rum River scenic ordinance as recommended by the Planning and Zoning board.

M/S to approve Ordinance 2022-01 for the Rum River scenic ordinance. Motion passed with Amy Peterson abstaining.
M/S to approve Resolution 2022-01 to publish a summary of the above ordinance. Motion passed with Amy Peterson abstaining.
M/S to approve Ordinance 2022-02 relating to the Shoreland District. Motion passed with Amy Peterson abstaining.

- Zoning violations

Charles Gottwaldt-24941 Shanandoah- farm animals and junk

John Straight 25788 Durant- junk, shipping containers, setback from road

24510 Ulysses St NE Outside storage violations

Eilas Giller 4698 269th Ave NE commercial business, noise complaints, no permit.

-We are unable to get parts for the printer in the office.

A motion was made, but no second obtained to purchase a new printer. More research is needed for a decision to be made.

Dave Henderson gave a county update.

Roads

-Grader is good, tires are nice.

-Larch and other areas need gravel.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve up to 12,000.00 for gravel. Motion passed unanimously.

-Tree trimming will be needed this year.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve up to 15,000.00 for tree trimming. Motion passed unanimously.

-We still have not received a price for chloride for this year.

-Hass has a small price increase this year.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve Hass Road Maintenance Contract. Motion passed unanimously.

- A resolution from the City of Isanti was presented regarding road maintenance on Polk. Todd will clarify as parts of it were unclear and need better wording.
- The Road Review is scheduled for April 25, leaving the town hall at 5:30.
- Jason Ross will pick up trash on 249th that was reported to Maryls.
- Chris is looking for better pricing for the street sign project.

Fire

- Amy gave current statistics on runs etc for Athens township. We have an average response time of 6 minutes, and the district average is 8 minutes.

Parks

- The budget for the picnic in September is 2000.00.
- Please get newsletter articles to Amy.
- Amy presented a new contract for town hall rental. Dave Henderson wants charges for nonprofits removed and other language was adjusted.
- M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to approve the new agreement with recommended changes. Motion passed unanimously.
- The road at Anderson Park needs to be repaired.

Clerk's Report

- The Road Review has been posted and published.
- The Board of Review meeting will be held on April 18th at 7 PM at the townhall with the Isanti County Assessor. It has been posted and published.
- Diane contacted MAT regarding a resolution for redistricting. Resolution passed with a 4-0 vote and was submitted to the Isanti County Auditor's office.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report & IRS (checks 7618-7653 plus IRS totaling 31,631.13). Motion passed unanimously.

-The treasurer and the clerk are in balance.

-Marlys gave a budget report.

-The things that ARPA funds can be used for has been expanded. Diane suggested that we use our funds on these things so that it is not wasted. Marlys will contact MAT to see if these funds can be used for dustcoating.

The date for cleanup day is May 7, 2022. Jason Ross will have equipment there. Amy Peterson will coordinate food and Steve Hass will donate hotdogs. Todd is arranging for workers and dumpsters, etc.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date _____