

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
April 5, 2021 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Billy Larson, Jason Ross, Mike Warring, William Stanley, Steve Hass

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

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Remaining was:
Newsletter articles to Amy.

Approve Agenda

Th Ave M/S Dave Beckstrom/Amy Peterson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

-Mike outlined changes made to the Resolution for Jason Ross' amended CUP to the board.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve Resolution 2021-05 to approve Jason Ross' CUP. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike is still reviewing the sign ordinance.

- Mike is working on fixing issues of noncompliance on a number of properties. It seems several of these occurred during the transition from Chloe to Ryan in P&Z.
- We have had complaints about 911 267th Ave regarding them running a business, cars, outside storage etc. Mike met with Gavin about a compliance plan of a six-foot fence to the road.
- We have two public hearings scheduled for April P&Z.
- Andy and Mike discussed the possibility of having septic permits where septic systems would have to be reviewed every three years. The permit charge would be 10.00.
- Mike talked about the SBA rents. Peter will try to negotiate with them, being careful so everything we gain is not lost in fees.
- Mike made a quarterly inspection at the Alfveby address. They did get rid of 9 vehicles last quarter and are in compliance.
- We still have one open seat on P&Z. Jason Ross and William Stanley are interested in filling the seat. Voting took place and the vacant seat will be filled by Jason Ross. Bill will fill in as an alternate if needed.

Roads

- We have made a full pass of the township grading this spring. We need rain before we can chloride.
- Durant, Palm and Xeon need gravel before chloride as well. M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to chloride all gravel roads this year. Motion passed unanimously.
- Repairs are needed on Polk, 265th and north.
- We may do a road review at a later time this year.

Fire

- The fire district is going ahead with the purchase of the fire station in Isanti.
- There will not be a rodeo again this year.

Parks

- The water in the restrooms will be turned on April 10th at the ball fields.
- The baseball association donated 2500.00 toward field maintenance for the 2021 season.
- Amy is arranging for bird houses to be made for the park.
- We will need to take the lawn mower in for service.
- We will need an electrician for the set up at Anderson park.

Clerk's Report

- All annual meeting duties were completed and the tax levy was sent to the county auditor.
- Diane contacted Waste Management again about picking up the garbage cans.
- We have been having computer issues with the township computers.
M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to approve up to 1200.00 each to purchase new computers for the clerk and treasurer.
Motion passed unanimously.

It's possible that we may have cleanup day in the fall. Lots of garbage is being dumped in the ditches.

Amy is still waiting on articles for the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

- M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 7335-7368 plus IRS totaling 35,573.09). Motion passed unanimously.
- Marlys gave a budget update.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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