

## **Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held May 2, 2022 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Jason Ross, Billy Larson, Curt Carpenter, Steve Hass, Bernice Smith, Tom Heinen, Mike Warring, Ronald Oliver, Tom Lundeen

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

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. None remained.

### **Approve Agenda**

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

Mike Warring gave a county update.

### **Planning & Zoning**

-Mike presented the board with an updated fee schedule and changes were discussed. Most were increased just to cover the cost involved in performing the duties.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve the changes as presented, except for making all administrative penalties the same. Motion passed unanimously.

-Ethan Runyon was issued a zoning violation letter. He was issued a warning last year.

-Mike will check with Beaudry regarding a diesel tank for the township.

-A discussion was held about rezoning. It was decided that for now we should fix the existing zoning issues that we have.

-Final approval has been issued from the DNR for the new ordinances.

-A discussion was held about the copier. Mike presented several pricing options.

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom to approve up to 7000.00 for Mike to purchase a new copier. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Roads**

-Grading is going well

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

-The price for chloride this year has increased to 1.05 from .98 last year.

-Road restrictions have been extended for two weeks.

-Tree trimming is done.

-The road review was discussed.

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to close the Road Review meeting at 8:10 PM on 5/2/2022. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Fire**

-Amy gave current statistics on runs for Athens township. The number of runs for the first quarter is up 19.5 % from last year for the fire district.

## **Parks**

-The balance in the park fund is 70,093.01.

-The date for the annual picnic is September 10, 2022.

-The sign at the park does not contain any current emergency numbers.

### **Clerk's Report**

- Diane presented a list of election judges for 2022.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve election judges for 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

-The auditor's office was contacted about ballots for November.

-M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution to spend ARPA funds on Lost Revenue Replacement Category. Motion passed unanimously.

-Election filing info has been posted at the town hall.

Todd attended and Isanti County Township Officers' meeting. There was a discussion on Broadband. Mike will contact a resident, Mark Blood, that does broadband installation.

Everything is set for cleanup day.

A discussion was held regarding fences in the township that are in the right of way. Some are this way because the location of the road has altered over the years.

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom to move the fence on 27430 Polk St NE as this is a new fence. Motion passed 4 to 1 with Chris Olson opposed.

-A discussion was held about the fence on Chris' property. The highline wires are in line with the fence. The fence issue will be sent to P&Z to recommend policy to be set.

### **Treasurer's Report**

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report

& IRS (checks 7654-7674 plus IRS totaling 59,963.36). Motion passed unanimously.

-The treasurer and the clerk are in balance.

-Marlys gave a budget report.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter

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Athens Township Clerk

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