

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
May 3, 2021 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Billy Larson, Jeff Johnson, Mike Warring, William Stanley, Curt Carpenter

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

M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Remaining were:

Newsletter articles to Amy.

Lawn mower for service

Computer purchase and setup

Electrician for Anderson park

Approve Agenda

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Isanti mayor Jeff Johnson gave an update.

Planning & Zoning

-Mike reviewed details concerning the IUP for Kari Larson/Erika Nelson regarding their boutique.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve Resolution 2021-06 approving the IUP for the boutique. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike is working on a text amendment to our ordinance to facilitate cabinet shops in the township operating under IUP's. There will need to be a public hearing once the amendment is approved by P&Z, possibly at the June P&Z meeting.

-Mike is addressing several zoning violations.

-Runyon on 265th NE - no IUP, several tractor trailers, equipment etc.

-Auto work on Pinto

-We received no response from SBA but they did not take money out of the May payment

-Trees are going in at the solar farm

-A discussion was held about hiring a secretary for P&Z to save on Mike having so many hours.

-A discussion was held about a resident digging up a road with out a permit. The road seems to have been fixed adequately.

Roads

-Gravelling and chloride are both started and should be done soon.

There is a hole on Polk street. It will be fixed next week.

Fire

-Nothing new to report. The JPA is still in a stalemate.

Parks

-Amy met with Russ. They will be moving the horseshoe pit.

-Amy is getting estimates on a sport court.

- We are purchasing two solar lights. Also the sign at the park needs repair.
- Trash pickup at Anderson park was discussed. No decision was made.

Clerk's Report

- Diane checked with Connexus about an increased bill. Lights have been installed at Anderson Park.
 - Diane followed up on missing bills from Peter Tiede.
 - Our state surcharge report was not completed for the last three quarters. Andy was preparing it and he just stopped without letting anyone know. Mike did them and we have paid the state.
 - We are still waiting on our computer purchase.
- Cleanup day has been set for October 9, 2021. This is a Saturday and the hours will be 8-12.

Amy is still waiting on articles for the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

- M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 7369-7388 plus IRS totaling 85,68.21). Motion passed unanimously.
- Marlys gave a budget update.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Amy Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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