

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
May 4, 2020 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: None

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

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2020-09 to establish the ability to conduct open meetings by telephone. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held April 6, 2020 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:

- Dave will check out a sound system for the town hall.
- Newsletter
- Barb will contact the company about more keys for the town hall.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

- No county update from Lyle.
- Documents need to be signed for East Bethel regarding 245th.
- M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve EB Resolution 2020-16- the joint resolution as to orderly annexation. Motion passed unanimously.
- Benjamin Smith has been sent letters regarding his fence at 27430 Polk Street. We received an appeal letter on 4/20/20 which we will be considering.
- A resident was contacted about a camper on vacant land. He is planning on building on the parcel and is working with Mike.
- Russell Holmes was sent another letter regarding the animal problem. In 10 days, it will be turned over to the attorney.
- There was a lot line issue on 24962 Larch. A pole building was built without a permit and the lot line is not even recorded at the county.
- Mike requested a drop box in front of town hall.
- Mike will get estimates for sign out front. He would also like a sign to say he is in the building.

Roads

- There will be no spring road review due to Covid 19 restrictions. Steve Hass and Chris did go out and drive the roads to look for issues.
- M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the recommended gravel for the roads. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chris gave updates on the seal coating. It should be done shortly.
- Grading has begun for spring.
- Chloride will be the same price as last year but the total may be higher as we are doing more roads.
- Chris has a signed road maintenance contract from Steve.

Fire

-The fire district is waiting on Oxford Township for the revision to the JPA.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund was 36,646.75.

-No meetings until further notice.

-Birdhouses were installed.

-Todd will talk to Bill about mowing.

Clerk's Report

-Diane is up to date will all posting regarding special meetings and processes in place for Covid 19 restrictions.

-All MAT and Legal short courses have been cancelled for the present.

-Elections were completed and Diane sent documentation to the county for reimbursement.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 7081--7094 totaling 13,447.11). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave a budget update.

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom to work with the county regarding expanding broadband. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Blood (a resident attending remotely) asked about right of way permits and placing fiber to people's homes. Mike Jungbauer will check on the issue. Mark owns Martech Wireless.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date
