

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held May 6, 2019 at the Town Hall

Board members present: Dave Beckstrom, Barb Kilpatrick, Chris Olson, Todd Christensen, Amy Peterson, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany and Ryan Grittman

Guests: Billy Larson, Wade Book, Lyle Reynolds, Mike Warring, Curt Carpenter, Eric Borg

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

M/S Todd Christensen/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed.

-Quotes for library stations. We will add birdhouses to the quote request.

Approve Agenda

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

We have a new liaison with the sheriff's office, Sgt Wade Book.

Planning and Zoning

-P&Z staff is recommending that we update language in the town code regarding permits, inspections, and fees.

-A code enforcement workshop will be held on May 13, 2019.

-Camper issues seem to be resolved. Jim Franzen appears to have moved out and is not staying overnight. The ordinance allows for

one camper, and there are two. Ryan will send a letter about the second camper.

-There is a second camper issue on Lincoln Court. Barb will check it out.

-Ryan will contact Peter Tiede about finishing up on the solar farm agreement.

-At the P&Z meeting, Ryan gave copies of the comp plan from 2004 to the members. He sent copies to board members as well.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-We have been grading on the south end of the township due to frost boils.

-We are prepping for chloride.

-The road review is set for May 20, 2019 at 5:30.

-The chloride company was bought by Knife River. They will match last year's price. A discussion was held about chloriding all roads.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to use the St. Cloud company and to attempt to chloride all roads. Motion passed unanimously.

-Chris gave us a map with areas highlighted that need spot gravel.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to spend up to 45,000.00 on the gravel project. Motion passed unanimously.

-A letter lifting road restrictions to haul the gravel was approved for Hass construction.

Fire

-No update.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund was 37,995.68.

-There are new signs for ball field advertising. Russ gave us an updated list.

- Work is being done on the butterfly garden and flowerbeds.
- No park meetings have been held yet this spring.
- Barb will check with MAT regarding the age of the person mowing the town hall lawn.
- 15 maple trees were donated by soil and water.
- Todd inquired about spraying for mosquitos in the park.
- Barb will contact Dan about updating picnic dates and times on the Website. It will be held on September 14 from 11-2.

Clerk's Report

- The board of review was completed with the county assessor.
- Dates for cleanup day have been posted and published, along with a price list.
- The road review was posted and published.
- A discussion was held regarding whether supervisors and township staff should be paid for cleanup day.
M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to pay supervisors/clerk/treasurer for cleanup day at the hourly pay rate.
Motion passed unanimously.
- Cleanup day went well.

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 (checks 6747-6784 totaling 31,956.99). Motion passed unanimously.
- Marlys gave a budget update.

SBA sent a letter to Marlys. We are not interested in a buyout.

Mike Warring gave a county update. He reminded us that the county will reimburse us for 500.00 again this year.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date
