

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held June 1, 2020 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Steve Hass

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 May 4, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:

- Todd will check on keys for town hall.
- Newsletter

Approve Agenda

M/S Todd Christensen/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

- No county update from Lyle.
- Benjamin Smith has been sent letters regarding his fence at 27430 Polk Street. He must move the fence to be in compliance.
- Paul Villela is working on an agreement with Mike on the camper issue.
- Mike is working with homeowner on 273rd regarding a cleanup.
- Russell Holmes was sent another letter regarding the animal problem. Got a phone call, waiting for a written response.
- Mike is working with Derrick Wotachek on wetland issues.

- Mike asked if the board wants to enforce Home occupation permits for running businesses out of the home. Yes, we do.
- Richard Popp is enquiring if you can re-subdivide immediately? No, only in 3-5 years,

Roads

- The grader is good and the majority of grading is done. Also, gravelling is basically complete.
- Tucker needs a redo on chloride.
- The bill for chloride came in at less than last year and we dustcoated more roads.
- The project on 245th is moving along.
- Sealcoating and striping are being completed now.
- We only received one paving bid for the 6th street/245th project. M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to accept the bid from Knife River. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire

- The rodeo is cancelled for 2020.
- JPA elected Steve Lundeen as the new chair.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund was 34,266.74.
- Lots of complaints about Anderson Park. Fires and people driving thru yards. It doesn't seem to matter if the gates are open or closed. Mike will look into cameras for Anderson Park.
- Barb Kilpatrick submitted her resignation as Township Supervisor and also from the park board as chair, effective 6/1/2020.

Clerk's Report

- Diane posted and published paving bids for the 6th st/245th project.

- We are waiting to hear from the county regarding election/Covid issues.
- Reminder that July's meeting will be on the 13th, due to the 4th.
- Please have all payroll claims to Marlys by June 30th.
- Diane will check with MAT regarding filling Barb's seat or just waiting until the November election.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 7095--7115 totaling 103,043.35). Motion passed unanimously.

- Marlys gave a budget update.
- We have established a new escrow account for the mining permit.

Mike gave an update on his sign research.

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom to approve the purchase of a sign in the amount of 25,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Diane will issue a check so that the down payment can be sent and the sign can be ordered.

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

_____ Date _____