

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
June 4, 2018 at the Town Hall**

Board members present: John Bartz, Dave Beckstrom, Lyle Reynolds, Barb Kilpatrick, Chris Olson, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, and Ryan Grittman

Guests: Steve Hass, Diane Bjorklund, Mike Warring, Cindy Reynolds, Billy Larson, Brian Bryant, Anne Kraft, Eric Sivigny, Jack Cole, Tom Lander, Mike Mains, Ron Schleif, Steve Strandlund, Don H.

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

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed. None remained.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

-Home Pride 1st addition that was previously approved was brought back from the county.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Dave Beckstrom to approve modification to create an out lot as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

-P&Z voted 3-0 to approve the solar farm.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to approve Resolution 2018-05 to issue a CUP for Connexus and SoCore for a solar farm.

Motion passed unanimously.

-Some discussion was held regarding Home Occupation Ordinances.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to send them back to P&Z for further clarification. Motion passed unanimously.

-A position was open on P&Z. Three candidates were presented. Dave Beckstrom nominated Jack Cole and John Bartz nominated Steve Strandland.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to appoint Jack Cole to the P&Z Board. Motion passed on a 4-1 vote, with John Bartz voting nay.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Shouldering and spring shaping are complete.

-We do not yet have a date for chloride.

-Chris presented a comparison sheet for the road maintenance contract, outlining the two bids received.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to award the contract to Hass Construction. Motion passed unanimously.

-M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve the crack filling 2018 contract presented by Lyle. Motion passed unanimously.

-Chris presented a cost analysis of paving different road sections.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to pave Xylite & 266th LN NE, and 1000 ft of 273rd from Polk to the railroad tracks. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire

-The Rodeo is coming up in July.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund was 45,576.48.
- The exercise equipment for the walking path arrived this week. Now we need to find installers.
- Steve serviced the lawn mower.

Clerk's Report

- Diane attended election meetings for clerks at the courthouse.
- We have new election equipment on the way. The old equipment was returned and the new equipment will be picked up shortly. The cost to the township is estimated at approximately 2000.00.
- M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to appoint election judges. Motion passed unanimously.
- Filing for office takes place 7/31 thru 8/14, ending at 5 PM on the day of the primary election.
- Registration has been sent in for summer short courses.

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 6433-6447 totaling 27,245.52). Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date _____