

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
June 6, 2022 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Billy Larson, Curt Carpenter, Steve Hass, Tom Heinen, Mike Warring, Lyle Reynolds

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

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining:
Todd will work on Diesel tank with Beaudry.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

-Mike presented the board with a preliminary sketch plan of Yellow Rose West Addition (Mike Lockwood property). He gave an update on the progress. The surveyor will be out next week. Dave Beckstrom and Peter Tiede will be involved as Mike is planning to

buy a couple of the lots and wants no appearance of conflict of interest.

-The issue of Ben Smith's fence was brought up. It was discussed whether the township should do a survey to prove where the ROW is. Jason Ross has measured what it is now. Ben is willing to move part of the fence. Todd will follow up on the cost of a survey and how far the snow goes in the winter after plowing. It was suggested that a survey would be cheaper than court costs if the issue goes that far. The township needs to prove how much ROW we have used for the last six years. We are also required to send letters to residents if we need more ROW.

-Zoning violation letters this month included the Gottwalt property on Shenandoah St. He is getting a dumpster and working on the problems.

-Two public hearings for P&Z for June – Kim Olson and the Green Barn Sunflower festival

-Mike is working on the ADU ordinance and commercial zoning.

-We have purchased a copier and currently have a loaner.

-Mike discussed getting a software service to electronically store documents.

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to spend up to 10,000.00 to get started with this project. Motion passed unanimously.

-Diane has contacted MAT regarding selling township property that we no longer use. We are waiting for a response.

-Mike asked the board for gas allowance for inspections since fuel is so high.

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to approve the IRS mileage rate for Mike for inspections. Motion passed unanimously.

-A discussion was held regarding the tar milling pile off of hwy 23. If the pile is growing, they will need an IUP. If it is just for personal use, they do not.

Roads

- Grading is going well
- Most dustcoating is completed.
- Ditch mowing is coming up and few trees need to be cleaned up from the storm.
- Chris is still getting quotes for the street sign project.

Fire

- None.

Parks

- The date for the annual picnic is September 10, 2022.
- There is a new lock on the gate at Anderson Park and keys are in the key box in the office at the town hall.

Clerk's Report

- Election judges are set for the elections and are signing up for training.
- Payroll claims for the second quarter are due to Marlys by June 30th.
- Reminder that the July meeting is the second Monday which is July 11th.
- We do not yet have a final cost for cleanup day as we have not received bills yet for the dumpsters and garbage costs.

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 & IRS (checks 7675-7699 plus IRS totaling 101,503.97). Motion passed unanimously

- The treasurer and the clerk are in balance.
- Marlys gave a budget report.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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