

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held June 7, 2021 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Billy Larson, Mike Warring, Curt Carpenter, Lyle Reynolds, Jason Ross, Steve Hass

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

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Remaining were:

Newsletter articles to Amy.

Lawn mower for service

Computer purchase and setup

Electrician for Anderson park

Approve Agenda

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Amy Peterson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

-245th west of Larch - no building permit - feels he is a sovereign citizen- cease order was issued.

- Keagan will be helping out P&Z again.
- Several concerns were raised regarding the services of Rum River Consultants.
M/S Dave Beckstrom/Amy Peterson to replace Rum River Consultants. Motion passed unanimously.
- 265th Ethan Runyon - no IUP for home business. Multiple tractor trailer combos and non-compliant fuel storage.

Roads

- Gravelling and chloride are both done except for Durant.
The hole is fixed on Polk Street.
- Seal coating will be done next week.
- We will only be mowing once this year, same as the county.

Fire

- Amy provided a list of fire calls so far this year to board members.
- The fire district is hiring. Cliff Larson, who had retired, is coming back.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is 46,668.21.
- Debbie Pearson is mowing the lawn at the town hall.
- The horseshoe pit is being moved for safety reasons.

Clerk's Report

- Please let Diane know if you are aware of billing for things out of the ordinary.
- Payroll claims for the second quarter should be to Marlys by June 30th.
- Reminder that the regular monthly meeting will be held on July 12th, due to the 4th of July holiday.

-SBA is going to agree to split the difference of the disputed amount paid, which will amount to 5,475.56. It will come out of P&Z since the revenue goes there. The lease will be amended, requiring them to notify us of any changes.

Amy is still waiting on articles for the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 7387-7405 totaling 90,641.93). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave a budget update.

-A discussion was held about lawnmower servicing. Todd will find out about the warranty. Otherwise, Steve will check over the mower.

-A discussion was held about township jobs being performed by people in the township. It is preferred to keep it within the township. This issue had been brought up by a resident concerning town hall cleaning.

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom for Curt Carpenter to assume the role of cleaning the town hall. Motion passed 3-2, with Chris and Dave H voting nay.

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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