

## **Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held July 10, 2017 at the Town Hall**

Board members present: John Bartz, Lyle Reynolds, Dave Beckstrom, Barb Kilpatrick, Chris Olson, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Deputy Treasurer Amy Peterson, Jim Braun, Chloe McGuire

Guests: 22 residents signed in, and many more attended that did not sign the sheet.

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review Action Items**

Action items were reviewed. None remained.

Barb gave an update on the electrical bids. She received three bids.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to go with Isanti Electric. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approve Agenda**

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Planning and Zoning**

-We have received an application for an IUP for a temporary bituminous plant for the Highway 65 project. If something is permitted by law, we can only deny it for public health, safety, and welfare concerns.

- Dave Beckstrom gave details of the project including dates, location, and conditions set by P&Z.
- Many residents commented on the project, and board discussion followed.
- M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to table the application until more information can be gathered. The board will have a special meeting on July 27, 2017 to further discuss the issue.
- M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve the small animals ordinance 2017-02. Motion passed unanimously.
- M/S David Beckstrom/Barb Kilpatrick to approve Resolution 2017-02 regarding a summary of the ordinance for the paper. Motion passed unanimously.
- Inspections are up to date.
- Lyle gave a county update.

## **Roads**

- Dustcoating is done, with just a few touchups needed.
- Grader maintenance is coming along well, with the right wing still coming.
- We are trying to grade only after it rains.
- Mowing is done at the county's request.
- Some gravel touchups are needed.
- Lyle and Steve Hass will get together to discuss paving bids, and the gravel base we have.
- We will post quotes for crack filling on the pavement for the next meeting.
- A discussion was held about trees over the bike path, and roots coming up through it.
- No Hwy 65 update,
- No watershed update.

## **Fire**

-Lyle suggested that we select a replacement for Jan at the next meeting.

-Flooring bids have been received for station three.

-Budget – Station one needs repair. Since we are paying a lease now, it was a consensus that repairs are the responsibility of the city.

## **Parks**

-The balance in the park fund is 29,943.96.

-A discussion was held about having exercise machines around the walking path.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to spend up to 8000.00 to begin the equipment. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Clerk's Report**

-A discussion was held about purchasing new computers.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to spend up to 2000.00 for new township computers. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave will handle website duties with Dan Poppie.

Chris will be the Highway 65 alternate.

John will be the fireboard representative, with Lyle being the alternate.

Scot will be bringing records to the next meeting. John will talk to Jim about the records that he has.

## **Treasurer's Report**

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6102-6152 plus IRS totaling \$108,722.66). Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter Athens Township Clerk

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