

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held July 11, 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: Jason Ross, Mike Warring, Lyle Reynolds, and several residents that did not sign in, including Todd Dooley.

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 June 6, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. None remained.

Todd brought up the subject of possibly moving the diesel tank to the east side of the shed. No favorable response.

Approve Agenda

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

Mark Blood spoke to the board about wireless internet and fiber installation going on in the township. Rum River drive is underway currently. The cost for customers would be approximately one hundred dollars per month.

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

-Mike brought up the subject of getting new plat books at a cost of 45.00. We will order some.

-A discussion was held about Yellow Rose, with Mike addressing any final questions about the plat. Matt and Gina Lamb will end up owning the land that has the lime pile.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve Resolution 2022-03 approving Yellow Rose plat. Motion passed unanimously.

-M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve Resolution 2022-04 approving the Sunflower Festival held by the Green Barn. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike updated the board on violation letters.

Gottwalt on Shanandoah was issued a cease and desist letter.

Some progress is being made.

-Mike is investigating 3922 251st Ln-cash for junk cars. No permits.

-There are also several locations where people are staying in RV's all year long which is against township ordinances.

-We will be holding a public hearing in July for George's greenhouse.

-The new copier will be delivered on July 14.

-Mike presented a quote from Metro Sales for scanning.

Roads

-Steve monitors noxious weeds when he grades the roads.

-Grader maintenance and dustcoating are finished.

-Mowing will be starting soon.

-Curt and Matt will help with sign installation as the project progresses.

-We will try to get Lyle Reynolds to do a presentation on ROW issues for the August meeting.

Fire

-The rodeo was a huge success.

Parks

-The date for the annual picnic is September 10, 2022. Reminder that all supervisors should try to attend.

Clerk's Report

- Election judges are set for the elections. Diane contacted the Democratic party to try to get extra judges from their party.
- Diane gave an update on selling township property.
- The primary election is August 9th, and we will be ordering food for the election judges.
- Diane presented a summary of cleanup day 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 7700-7732 plus IRS totaling 37,586.26). Motion passed unanimously

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

Resident Todd Dooley presented complaints to the board about supposed violations of Jason Ross' permit for mining. He stated that he has complained numerous times to Mike. He was very irate and accusatory. Mike has documented his complaints and checked them out. Todd stated that something must be done within 60 days or something is going to happen.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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