

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held July 12, 2021 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Curt Carpenter, Lyle Reynolds, Jason Ross, Scott Qualle

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 7, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Remaining were:
Newsletter articles to Amy.

Approve Agenda

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

-Violation letters - Lockwood issue, sludge

Sludge needs testing and must be disclosed to potential buyers. There needs to be an agreement with the township to finalize cleanup.

-Green Barn - signs and additions - no permits - they were grandfathered in until the use of electric signs

- The extra signs by the Erickson farm are coming down. They were also cited by the county.
- A letter was sent to Harold's trucking
- 3 Public Hearings for the July P&Z meeting
- Keagan is now helping Mike with clerical duties
- Scott Qualle attended the meeting to promote his company to take over building inspector duties for the township. He detailed a history of his companies and fees they would charge.
- Mike presented a list of pros and cons to doing building inspections in house. Diane will contact MAT to see if the township would need extra insurance for this.
- Dave Beckstrom will send a letter to Andy, providing 60 day notice that the township will no longer require his services.
- M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to cover expenses for software and equipment up to 10,000 for P&Z for building inspections.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- M/S Dave Beckstrom/Todd Christensen to hire Mike Jungbauer as our new building inspector under a hybrid employee contract.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Roads

- The grader is fixed.
- Seal coating looks great.
- We will need to be replacing tires on the grader.

Fire

- Amy provided a list of fire calls so far this year to board members.
- The rodeo was a huge success this year.

Parks

- The misters in the park are not working. Jim will fix them. If he needs to fabricate parts in his shop, the rate will be 45.00 per hour.
- Plans for the picnic are coming together.
- Chris will talk to Jim about fixing damaged gate at Anderson Park. A discussion was held about security cameras.
- We have been made aware of dogs around the park and ballfields. The owners will be sent a letter regarding controlling the dogs.

Clerk's Report

- Please remember that gopher feet reimbursement is for residents only.
- Diane will contact MAT about extra insurance and the age of clerical workers.
- Anyone interested in attending the Legal Seminar in Albertville, please let Diane know by the August meeting.

- Cleanup day is October 9. Todd is procuring workers.

Amy is still waiting on articles for the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report & IRS (checks 7406-7443 totaling 174,143.67). Motion passed unanimously.

- Marlys gave a budget update.

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M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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