

## **Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held July 13, 2020 at the Town Hall**

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

Guests: Jim & Barb Kilpatrick, Curt Carpenter, Billy Larson, Rebecca & Bill Kuehn, Mike Warring, Jason Ross

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 1, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:  
-Newsletter

Isanti County does have animal control. Mike will send info for Dan to add to the Website.

### **Approve Agenda**

M/S Chris Olson/Todd Christensen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Planning and Zoning**

- No county update from Lyle.
- The CUP mining permit for Jason Ross was approved by P&Z.
- M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve Resolution 2020-10 approving the CUP. Motion passed unanimously.
- A new fee schedule for 2020 was presented by Mike.

-M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve Ordinance 2020-01 which is the fee schedule and permit fees. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike is waiting on letters he sent regarding zoning violations.

- A discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new office computer.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to purchase a new computer spending up to 2000.00. Motion passed unanimously. Diane will contact Russ to help with the selection of a good computer.

-Mike is working on a zoning map update.

-Mike requested a return address stamp.

-Mike researched sound systems for the town hall.

-We have a cleanup issue on the SW corner by Anderson Park.

### **Roads**

-We are doing more grading on high volume roads, due to lack of rain. We are also doing some spot gravelling.

-We are expecting more chloride soon as some areas will need to be redone because of dry conditions.

-Mowing is done. It was not that great. We will be switching to a different mower.

-245<sup>th</sup> – We are waiting on Centurylink.

-We discussed the railroad crossing. Chris will reply to the state regarding putting crossing arms there.

### **Fire**

-No report.

### **Parks**

-Due to Covid, the picnic will be cancelled for this year. Diane will post it in the paper.

-The estimate for crack filling on the walking path at Collins Park was received.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Amy Peterson to approve up to 3000.00 to repair the walking path. Motion passed unanimously.  
-A discussion regarding Anderson park was tabled until next month.

### **Clerk's Report**

-Diane presented the board with a list of election judges.  
M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the election judges.  
Motion passed unanimously.  
-Diane had keys made for the town hall.  
-Election filing procedures were posted and published.  
-A discussion was held regarding applying for CARES ACT funds. It was decided that the time involved was not profitable for the amount of money that the township would receive.

Board member replacement

Nominations

Dave Beckstrom nominated Rebecca Mauriala-Kuehn.

Todd Christensen nominated Steve Strandlund.

Chris Olson nominated Dave Henderson.

A secret ballot was cast with Dave Henderson receiving three votes and Steve Strandlund receiving two votes.

Dave Henderson will fill Barb's seat through the completion of her term.

Barb Kilpatrick was recognized and thanked for her many years of service on the town board.

Andy's contract terms will change from 95% to 75%.  
The solar farm contract was signed by the township.

**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 (checks 7116—7154 plus IRS totaling 165,704.29). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave a budget update.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter Athens Township Clerk

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