

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held August 1, 2022 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Jason Ross, Mike Warring, Lyle Reynolds, Curt Carpenter, Mark Blood, Tom Heinen, Billy Larson, Eric Pfeifer

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

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. All stayed on the list.

Approve Agenda

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

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

- No P&Z meeting was held in July as we did not have a quorum.
- Mike has sent out violation letters and is waiting for replies.
- The July public hearing for George's greenhouse was moved to August as the July P&Z meeting was cancelled.

- Mark Blood presented more info on wireless internet ideas for the township. If there is interest, he will make a presentation to P&Z.
- Jason Ross updated the board on how his project is coming and his updated plan. Mike handed out a copy to the board. We have been dealing with neighbor complaints.
- Mike presented a need for Real Time GIS. He will be exploring costs. He also requested a lens for a camera, at a cost of 69.00. Normal expense.
- Mike is getting more bids on software storage costs.
- There are trees that need to be removed on the west side of the town hall that are affecting the septic system.
- We will talk to Steve Hass about the idea of moving the diesel tank.
- Dan Woodfill has resigned from P&Z. Interested candidates to replace him should attend the September board meeting.

Roads

- Ditch mowing is complete.
- Chris is still working on the sign replacement project.

Fire

- Dave Henderson attended the fire meeting this month. We had a workplace injury this month.
- M/S Dave Henderson/Amy Peterson to sell the garden tractor on a public surplus website. Motion passed unanimously.

Parks

- Russ Mann attended the meeting and gave a ball field update. Our teams did well this year. He also told of donations to the fields from various people and businesses. We need a new Hydro rake for the fields. Russ presented us with bids and options.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to purchase the Toro brand choice up to 23,000.00. Motion passed unanimously.

-The date for the annual picnic is September 10, 2022 from 12-3 PM. Reminder that all supervisors should try to attend.

Clerk's Report

- We received our reimbursement check for cleanup day from the county.

-Reminder that September's meeting will be held on the 12th because of Labor Day.

-All election judges are set for the election next week. Please clean up your things from the town hall before the election.

-The filing period for office has been posted and published and begins tomorrow, running thru August 16th.

-Courri Ruppe will be having a rate increase for next year.

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 7733-7749 plus IRS totaling 44,789.42). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave us a new sheet updating ARPA funds.

-The treasurer and the clerk are in balance.

-Marlys gave a budget report.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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