

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held August 3, 2020 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Dennis Dallman, Debbie Pearson, Jason Ross, Mike Warring

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

M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:

- Newsletter
- Diane will post picnic/cleanup day cancellation in paper.
- Mike will send info about Isanti County Animal Control to Dan for Website.

Approve Agenda

M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

- Lyle gave a county update.
- The side yard variance for Dennis Dallman was discussed. P&Z recommended approval.

M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen to approve Resolution 2020-11 approving the Dennis Dallman variance. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike is working with the DNR on a shoreline ordinance.

-A discussion was held on a proposal by Nick LaMoore. A barn has been renovated to a dwelling and they want to keep the house for in-laws. County has dwelling rules. Mike will check on what needs to happen.

-We are waiting on a response from Peter regarding the situation on Chisholm.

-Letters have been sent on some cleanups. Ulysses Ct – too many cars.

-Mike will check – Is someone running a fencing business from a residence on Rum River Drive?

-Lyle Reynolds resigned from heading up the comp plan committee. Mike Jungbauer will take over his duties.

Roads

-We are finished grading.

-More chloride was put down, along with gravel in some spots.

-245th project is looking good.

-Trees on Xylite are blocking a sign.

Fire

-M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Henderson to approve the changes to the JPA. Motion passed unanimously.

-Amy will pursue CARES ACT funds for the township as they can be used to help the fire district with COVID expenses.

Parks

-A discussion was held about Anderson park. The road is horrible but Steve Hass has hauled some gravel and done repairs. The possibility of a new gate was raised. Mike also gave results of

research regarding cameras. Also discussed the possibility of trash pickup for that location.

Clerk's Report

-M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve the amended election plan submitted to us by Isanti County. Motion passed unanimously.

-Elections are coming up next week. We will be ordering food brought in for election judges as COVID restrictions prevent food being brought from home to public places. There will be extra sanitizing to do, and equipment to set up as well.

We haven't heard anything on the sign. Mike will check on that.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Amy Peterson/Dave Beckstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 7155—7172 plus IRS totaling 54,774.53). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave a budget update.

Todd will check with Bill about lawn mowing as the bills seem extremely high this summer.

M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen for Mike to change the town hall WIFI code as someone has been sitting in the parking lot using it.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Date _____