

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held September 12, 2022 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Jason Ross, Lyle Reynolds, Curt Carpenter, AJ & Sandy Ondrey, Mike Mains, Rebecca Mauriala-Kuehn, Billy Larson

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 August 1, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:

Todd will check on the cost of 91 signs and also the accuracy of addresses.

Dave H will put the garden tractor on public surplus website.

Approve Agenda

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Amy Peterson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

-Mike presented the updated fee resolution.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Amy Peterson to approve Resolution 22-05 publishing summary of updated fee schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Todd Christensen to approve Ordinance 22-03 containing updated fee schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

There was one location omitted from the Flood plain ordinance and it has been added.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve Resolution 22-06 for publication of summary of amendment to Flood Plain ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom to approve Ordinance 22-04 adding one location to the flood plain. Motion passed unanimously.

The issue of George's Greenhouse is on hold, pending the zoning change.

Zoning violations

- Over 200 tires on Shanandoah St

- Cash for cars, neighbors are complaining as there are more and more cars.

- The issue of people living in RV's all year will be discussed at P&Z this month.

- The issues with John Straight are getting worse. A discussion was held about possibly obtaining a search warrant.

- Mike has completed the municipal fee report for 2020 which was made difficult due to no totals from Andy.

- Stephanie Vanderbijl has a roof leak issue and is blaming the township citing faulty inspections. The board will not be getting involved in the issue.

-The board received an update from Jason Ross with pictures of a berm and improvements made. The area has been seeded and grass is growing to cut down on dust.

-Mike again brought up the issue of electronic storage. Dave Beckstrom will check out the potential system that has been suggested.

-The issue of real time satellite was discussed. It is very expensive. There was also a discussion about the township purchasing a town. Several supervisors were against this idea. Mike will see what the county uses, and the discussion was tabled.

-The open P&Z position was addressed and AJ Ondrey was appointed.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Amy Peterson to approve AJ Ondrey to P&Z. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads

-No road update.

-Resident Mike Main (Xylite and 266th) reported a washout near his house. He offered to fix it if Steve could haul gravel. Todd will follow up with Chris and Steve as it was determined that a residents should not be repairing roads, due to liability issues.

-A caution sign has been requested on Naples.

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom to approve up to 200.00 for a sign. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire

-No report.

Parks

-Amy gave a picnic update. Attendance was good. We had 75 meals and they were all gone.

M/S Amy Peterson/Dave Beckstrom to approve payment of four hours each for the five people who helped Amy with the picnic. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

- The election and all duties were completed.
- All filings for office for the November election were submitted to the Auditor's office and ballots have been proofed.

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 & IRS (checks 7750-7778 plus IRS totaling 23,089.28).

Motion passed unanimously.

- Marlys gave us a new sheet updating ARPA funds.

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Beckstrom to move ARPA that we have used from the Road and Bridge and Fire accounts to a separate fund so that we know what was ARPA money. Motion passed unanimously. We will use capital projects account.

- The treasurer and the clerk are in balance.

- Marlys gave a budget report.

- Payroll reminder for third quarter.

The air compressor in the shed is no longer working.

M/S Amy Peterson/Dave Beckstrom to spend up to 800.00 on a new air compressor. Motion passed unanimously. Curt will purchase one.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to pay Jason Ross 300.00 to take down the ridge at the back of the park property to

discourage people from digging it all up with four wheelers.
Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to adjourn the meeting at
8:46 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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