

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held September 11, 2017 at the Town Hall

Board members present: John Bartz, Lyle Reynolds, Dave Beckstrom, Barb Kilpatrick, Chris Olson, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Deputy Treasurer Amy Peterson, and Chloe McGuire

Guests: Mike Warring, Samir Salama, Steve Hass, Diane Bjorklund, Roger & Karen Hass, Cindy Reynolds, Steve Balfany, Jan Palmer, Holly Nelson, Dean Thompson, Charleen Amdahl, Bob Svare, Tyas Randall, Frank Feela

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

No action items remained.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

-Holly Nelson attended the meeting from Isanti County to discuss the county taking over building permits. A full discussion will need to be held with Chloe on Tuesday.

-Lots of permits this month.

-Frank Feela attended the meeting. They have requested a composting site that is currently prohibited by the township. P&Z

recommended against the site being established. Discussion was held.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Barb Kilpatrick to deny the request. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve Ordinance 2017-04 placing a moratorium on bituminous/asphalt plants. Motion passed unanimously.

-Barb and Chloe are planning a drive around on 9/12 to look at cleanup issues.

-Inspections are up to date.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-The fall road review is set for Monday October 23rd, leaving the town hall at 5:30 PM.

-We are working on fall mowing and brush cutting.

-259th should be the only road still waiting on gravel.

-We received on bid for blacktopping Rum River Drive from Knife River for 142,820.00.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to accept the bid with clarification on driveways. Motion passed unanimously.

-We received another quote for crack filling. Diane will bring both bids received to the October meeting.

--Lyle will give Chloe a list of mailboxes that need to be replaced on Rum River Drive for the paving. Chloe will send out a letter.

The cost of the mailboxes is 95.00, with an additional 40.00 if resident wants it installed.

-No Hwy 65 update,

-Watershed – we are working on the culvert on Hastings.

Fire

-The lease for Station one in Isanti is up in 2018. The fire district is working on a new one.

-Bob Peichel gave an update on Fire Safety and Rescue.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is \$18,948.96.

-There was a nice turnout for the picnic.

-Lots of people using the parks.

-Work is almost done on the third field.

Clerk's Report

-Blacktop bids were posted for Rum River Drive.

-Another invoice was sent to Brennan Cox, which he paid.

-MAT was contacted regarding collection options.

-The fall road review was set for 10/23/17. Diane will post and publish.

-M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Dave Beckstrom to approve Resolution 2017-04 from MAT approving replacement cost insurance coverage for all town property. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6185-6205 totaling \$12,888.27). Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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