

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held September 12, 2016 at the Town Hall

Board members present: Jan Palmer, Lyle Reynolds, Chris Olson, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Staff Jim Braun

Guests: Ron Schlieff, Mike Warring, Diane Bjorklund, Steve Hass, Cindy Reynolds, Dave Henderson, Dominic Holmberg, Quintin Holmberg, Russ & Ann Mann

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

M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

There were no action items this month.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

-Permits for this month included the bathrooms for the park and a few roofs and windows.

-Cleanups are progressing. Jim is doing inspections tomorrow.

-Inspections are up to date.

-Jim began a discussion regarding a permit for Doug and Susan Olson, whose son was hurt in a hockey accident.

M/S Jan Palmer/Chris Olson to waive all permit fees for the house project, except for our fees. Motion passed unanimously.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Signs are coming next week.

-Dustcoating is holding up well.

-Chris toured the roads with Craig and Bud.

-Beaver dam by Donnie Sparks is done.

-Culvert on Larch – estimate from Randy Wesp to unplug it is 2300.00.

-House in foreclosure on 253rd. Bank will deed land to township and the road will become a township road.

-The fall road review will be held on 10/11/16 leaving the townhall at 5:30. This is a Tuesday. Diane will post it.

-Snow plow quotes were opened and compared. We received two bids, one from Bjorklund's and one from Steve Hass, M/S Chris Olson/Lyle Reynolds to award snowplowing for 2016/2017 to Steve Hass. Motion passed unanimously.

-No Hwy 65 report.

Fire

-The fire station on 9 is not accessible because of the road construction. They are parking equipment there.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 38,690.27.

-The picnic was a big success.

- Randy Wesp will be delivering 65 boulders to Anderson Park tomorrow.

M/S Jan Palmer/Chris Olson to move forward with the boulders for Anderson Park at a cost of 5500.00. Motion passed unanimously.

-The footings are in for the new bathrooms and the plumbing is started. Also good progress is being made on the additional field.

Clerk's Report

- All things were completed for the Primary elections.
- Filing was completed and submitted to the county for township offices to be voted in the November elections.
- The ballot for November has been verified.
- Two additional election judges have completed training.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 5765-5801 plus IRS totaling \$29,765.25). Motion passed unanimously.

- Marlys gave a budget update.
- Town aid for 2017 will be 1250.00.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter Athens Township Clerk

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