

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held September 13, 2021 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Curt Carpenter, Josh Borgeson, Billy Larson, Jason Ross, Susan Morris

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

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Remaining were:
Newsletter articles to Amy.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning & Zoning

-Susan Morris was in attendance at the meeting to update the board on Accessory Dwelling Units. She serves on the Central MN Council on Aging. Dave Henderson has been attending task force meetings at the county level to discuss ADU's. Over ten thousand people per day become seniors in the US so the need is growing. Isanti County is assessing the growing needs of our communities and beginning steps to implement solutions. Dave Henderson will send out the previous survey input.

-There was no county update.

-M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2021-09 for M&K Investments and Classic Cabinetry by Knapp. Motion passed unanimously. Note was made of item #9 in the resolution that the IUP ends if the property changes hands.

-Mike brought up the issue of the Josh Borgeson property. He showed the board before and after pictures. The property is cleaned up nicely. Even though P&Z had not voted on this resolution until they saw that the cleanup was complete, the board decided to take action on the resolution.

-M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve Resolution 2021-10 granting an IUP for Josh Borgeson for an in-home auto repair business. Motion passed unanimously.

Some conditions were updated and listed in the resolution. These included only 3 customer car parking spaces and hours when outside noisy work can be done.

-Mike has spoken with the Green Barn owners about a seasonal permit for the sunflower attraction. He is having surgery and the process has been delayed.

-Allwayz auto looks a lot better since Mike spoke with them.

-A public hearing is scheduled this month for Nick Anderson/Harold's Trucking on Monroe and 265th.

-Mike is looking for a permit tech 1 to help approximately 12 hours per week with P&Z.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Todd Christensen to approve up to \$200 to advertise the position. Motion passed unanimously.

-Dave Beckstrom presented the board with two letters from lawyers regarding the Erickson farm's new structure. This was just information for the board.

-Discussion was held about Leon Ohman being a backup inspector to Mike for P&Z. It was also suggested that we formulate an inspection card for building inspectors.

-A special board meeting has been scheduled for September 20, 2021 to discuss the logistics of the planning and zoning transfer of duties. Diane will post this meeting.

Roads

-There will be more grading needed before winter.
-The fall road review is set for September 27, 2021, leaving the town hall at 5:30. Diane will post this meeting.

Fire

-Amy provided a list of fire calls so far this year to board members.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 49,469.07. The picnic was a success. Thanks to Amy for all her hard work.

Clerk's Report

-If anyone would like to attend MAT fall classes, please let me know so that I can get you registered. If not enough people sign up, the classes will not be held.

-Please have payroll claims to Marlys by Tuesday September 28 for third quarter payroll.

-Cleanup day is October 9 from 8-12. Workers need to be at the town hall by 7AM. Amy will work on a price list and Diane will post it at the town hall and online. The event will be published in the paper but not the price list. Amy will also shop for food for the event.

Amy is still waiting on articles for the newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report & IRS (checks 7459-7479 totaling 18,100.86). Motion passed unanimously.

- The treasurer and the clerk are in balance.
- Marlys gave a budget update.
- Marlys has submitted the ARPA application.

A discussion was held about the ambulance drivers having keys to the town hall. A key lock container will be installed outside and Dave Henderson will advise the supervisor of the combination so that a key can be shared. Curt will install the box and also put a plate on the office door to make the lock more secure.

M/S Amy Peterson/Todd Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter	Athens Township Clerk
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