

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held September 14, 2020 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Jordan & Jeff Alfveby, Breanna Bloedow, Billy Larson, Carol Kahle, Cindy & Jon Anderson, Richard Dahl, Debbie Pearson, Jason Ross, Todd Dooley, Curt Carpenter, Jim & Barb Kilpatrick, Mike Warring

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

M/S Dave Henderson/Amy Peterson to approve the minutes of the Aug 3, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:

- Newsletter

- Mike will send info about Isanti County Animal Control to Dan for Website.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning and Zoning

- Mike recommended that we approve Isanti County's Shoreland Ordinance.

M/S Dave Henderson/Amy Peterson that we adopt the same shoreland ordinance as Isanti county, and if a new one is adopted,

we will follow them with the new ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike brought up the subject of three parcels owned by Faye Olson, all with the same PID number. She would like to separate the PID numbers to sell them separately. The item was tabled for more research, on whether all building rights are used up and if there were prior splits.

-Zoning violations

26325 Chisholm was hand delivered – the resident stated that he is not paying the fines and now has more animals than before. In the past, the sheriff could not enforce anything as no one pressed charges. Now charges have been filed and the sheriff can enforce.

M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen to contact Peter Tiede and take legal action to coordinate with the sheriff to expedite a solution. Motion passed unanimously.

-A discussion was held about the mini storage/machine shop on 245th and Hwy 65. We have had complaints about the sight of it. Mike is checking permits regarding outside storage and will give them specs for cleanup.

-267th and Rum River Drive – commercial fencing company. They need to apply for an IUP. Semi traffic in and out. Warning citations and fines were discussed.

-27206 Isanti St NE – Todd Dooley- Cambridge wetlands said he didn't need a permit to have dirt piles and gravel on his property but he does from us. He has applied for an IUP to P&Z. He also paid a citation.

-There are no P&Z hearings in September.

-Jeff Alfveby has requested a lot combination to make legal parcels of three lots. He would like to apply for a building permit to build on the center lot. They have many old and antique cars on the property.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson that there be milestones included in the building permit for the car cleanup, including monthly checks to see that the cars are being removed. Also, an IUP is needed for the business. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Henderson suggested that they get rid of at least three cars per month.

Roads

- Only one hour of grading this month.
- Fall grading will be starting shortly.
- 245th project looks great. East Bethel has been invoiced for their share of the cost.
- There will be no fall road review this year.

Fire

-The fire district is looking to purchase a new building. The new truck is coming soon also.

At the Vet's park celebration on October 13, Amy will be raising the Marine flag.

Parks

- Park fund balance 34,035.38.
- Mike will check to see about someone removing the tree in the river in Anderson park.

Clerk's Report

- All election duties and the election are completed.
- All candidate filings have been submitted to the Auditor's office and the ballot for November has been proofed.
- Menard's charge account list has been updated.
- An invoice was submitted to East Bethel for the 245th project.
- The picnic/cleanup day cancellation was posted and published.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 7173—7201 plus IRS totaling 214,404,87). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave a budget update.

-Please have payroll claims to Marlys by Tuesday September 29.

Amy will take over the duties of town hall rental.

We will scrap the old sign. Curt will take care of that.

Does anyone know why there is a paved parking lot on 263rd and Xylite?

Mike Warring gave a county update.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter Athens Township Clerk

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