

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held October 3, 2022 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Jason Ross, Lyle Reynolds, Curt Carpenter, AJ & Sandy Ondrey, Rebecca Mauriala-Kuehn, Billy Larson, Tom Heinen, Ellie Guider, Jim & Barb Kilpatrick, Dean Diers

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 September 12, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:

Dave B. will check out electronic storage software.

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

Approve Agenda

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

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

-There will be a public hearing on October 20th at P&Z regarding Highway 65 zoning. Alicia Long from the county will be attending to answer residents' questions regarding taxes. Mike made maps of the zoning changes.

-Mike gave updates on zoning violations. He is waiting for responses on several of them. The Straight property has made significant progress on issues with that property.

-Jason Ross bought a quieter pump to address neighbor's complaints about noise.

-Mike will be mentoring people for the State of MN regarding septic issues. Leon may have to do some inspections as Mike cannot inspect his own work.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson that it is ok for Mike to mentor in Athens Township. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike will check out the possibility of a FEMA grant to accredit the building department and to get office help.

-Mike brought up the issue that our web updates are not completed in a timely fashion.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to give Mike access to the website so he can add things. Motion passed unanimously. Mike will contact Dan Poppie and Dave Beckstrom.

Roads

-There is a small amount of grading that needs to be done this fall.

-The washout on 266th is fixed.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve up to 7000.00 to put gravel on Packard. Motion passed unanimously.

-Larch is washboard and all roads need to be crowned before winter.

-It was decided that a fall road review is not needed this year.

-Todd ordered the children warning signs.

-The cost of 911 emergency signs would exceed 40,000.00.

Fire

-Amy handed out fire report sheets for the month. Station 3 will be holding a hiring event on 10/23/2022.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve up to 200.00 to help with food for this event. Motion passed unanimously.

Parks

-Russ presented quotes for a pad for another batting cage in the ball field area.

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve up to 2000.00 for the pad. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

- Emails are being exchanged with the auditor's office, setting up things for November elections.

-Diane assisted P&Z in sending out letters for the upcoming PH on zoning on highway 65.

It is too late to send out a fall newsletter.

There is a calendar on the website and it was suggested that Amy should have access to it.

Todd suggested that after elections, representatives should be invited to town meetings to help keep residents up to date on current happenings.

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 & IRS (checks 7780-7807 plus IRS totaling 20,209.75, with check 7779 being voided). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave a budget report.

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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