# Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held November 2, 2020 at the Town Hall

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

Guests: Billy Larson, Jason Ross, Curt Carpenter, Ron Schleif, Mike Warring, Todd Dooley, Debbie Pearson

M/S Todd Christensen/Dave Henderson to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were:
-Mike will contact Connexus to see what would need to be done to put cameras and lights at Anderson Park.

## **Approve Agenda**

M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

## **Planning & Zoning**

- -A discussion was held about Todd Dooley's IUP application. M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen to approve Resolution 2020-13 to approve the IUP. Motion passed unanimously.
- -Questions still remain about Faye Olson's request to combine 3 lots.
- -Zoning violations Holmes applied for an IUP and never paid the fees. The cost estimated by Robb Olson, an attorney, is between

2200.00 and 10,000.00 to prosecute. Russell Holmes attended the meeting online and was outraged by the fees. He stated that the problem is gone as they have gotten rid of the animals. Mike will inspect the property and if they are in compliance, the township will not prosecute.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Dave Henderson to proceed with prosecution unless it is proven that these residents are in compliance with town ordinances. Motion passed unanimously. Mike will follow up.

- -911 267th Ave NW they moved equipment out and then moved it back in.
- -There is a hearing set for P&Z regarding the Alfveby issues with the old vehicles.

Mike brought up miscellaneous issues that need to be addressed, including our septic program which is out of compliance, a sign update, putting building rights at the top of documents, etc.

-Mike is updating the office to make it more professional for when people come in.

#### Roads

-Chris gave quick updates on grading and snow plowing which has begun. All complaints received have been from county roads and county snow plows.

#### **Fire**

-The fire district is moving forward with plans to purchase Station One in Isanti.

#### **Parks**

-No report.

### Clerk's Report

- -The general election is tomorrow. There will not be results at the town hall because of the large number of absentee ballots cast.
- -The date for the board of canvass is November 9. Amy Peterson, Dave Henderson and Chris Olson will attend.
- -Diane filed a resolution with the Auditor's office for Cares Act Fund reimbursement for election expenses.
- -The snow plow policy has been published for this year.
- -Payroll claims are due to Marlys by 12/1/2020.

## **Treasurer's Report**

M/S Dave Henderson/Amy Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 7230-7249 totaling 45,703.97). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave a budget update.

Marlys gave an update on cell towers. They think we have been overpaid. Mike will check on permits and will send letters.

M/S Dave Henderson/Todd Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter	Athens Township Clerk
	Date