

**Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
November 6, 2017 at the Town Hall**

Board members present: John Bartz, Dave Beckstrom, Barb Kilpatrick, Chris Olson, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany , and Chloe McGuire

Guests: Adam Ripple, John Green, Don Hansen, Scot Rosevold, Carol Olin, Billy Larson

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

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Barb Kilpatrick to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

No action items remained.

Approve Agenda

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

- A CUP for Dance Dynamics/Jen Stanley was recommended for approval by P&Z.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2017-07 to approve the CUP. Motion passed unanimously.

-A preliminary plat for John Green/Evergreen Acres was recommended for approval by P&Z.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Barb Kilpatrick to approve Resolution 2017-08 to approve the plat. Motion passed unanimously.

- Samir Salama issue- dedication of the road signed by all the neighbors and reviewed by Peter Tiede.
- M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2017-09 accepting the dedication of the new road. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chris will order signs for the new road.
- M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to approve cutting 2000.00 from the cost of the building permit for Samir Salama, due to previous costs incurred through incorrect information by Jim Braun. Motion passed unanimously.
- M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to approve ordinance 2017-05 to change the town code frontage from 200 feet to 150 feet to make the code uniform. Motion passed unanimously.
- A stop work order was issued for 253rd lane – no building permit. There is a location problem needing a county variance. The property owner will decide what he wants to do.
- M/S to approve Resolution 2017-06 for a variance for Dean Erickson. Motion passed unanimously.
- A restoration order has been issued to Derek Hopkins regarding wetland filling. Cost will be passed on to him and Chloe will tally the costs. Peter will meet with them.
- A discussion was held about a working P&Z meeting. Marlys has been meeting with the county regarding them taking over the permits. Marlys will check with them regarding a meeting date and Diane will post and publish the meeting.
- A discussion was held with Scot Rosevold regarding records, contracts, and how things are currently done.

Roads

- The grader is finished and roads are in good shape.
- Xeon and 6th needs 3/8" fractured rock. It doesn't hold the crown.
- The railroad crossing at 273rd is now fixed.

-We have a problem with some of the overhead trees. Chris will contact a tree service.

-We reviewed notes from the Road Review.

M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to close the Road Review meeting at 8:35. Motion passed unanimously.

-We received only one bid for snow plowing from Steve Hass.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to accept the bid for snow plowing. Motion passed unanimously.

-The paving on Rum River Drive is done. A letter will be sent that we are replacing the mail box posts.

No HWY 65 or watershed report.

Fire

-The 2018 Fire budget will increase by 3%.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 21,897,74.

-At the October meeting, a discussion was held regarding exercise equipment for the walking path.

M/S John Bartz/Chris Olson to spend up to 6000.00 on exercise equipment. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

-A new check was processed for the land closing.

-The snow plow bids were posted and published.

-The State requires a resolution for a designated polling place.

M/S John Bartz/Dave Beckstrom to approve Resolution 2017-05 for a designated polling place. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Dave Beckstrom to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 6221, 6243-6272 plus IRS totaling 237,297.04).

-M/S Chris Olson/Dave Beckstrom to spend up to 400.00 for a new printer for Marlys. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Chris Olson/Barb Kilpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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