

Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held December 6, 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: Jason Ross, Mike Warring, Josh Heppner, Jeff Alfveby, Steve Hass, Lyle Reynolds

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 November 1, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Remaining were:

- We will check on Leon Ohman being a backup for Mike.
- Chris will send an invoice for replacing mailbox.

Approve Agenda

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

Planning & Zoning

-Mike Warring gave a county update.

-Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

-M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve ordinance 2021-03 amending chapter 20 article V of the town code relating to business district. Motion passed unanimously.

-M/S Dave Beckstrom/Amy Peterson to approve Resolution 2021-15 approving publication of summary of amendment to town code. Motion passed unanimously.

-M/S Dave Beckstrom/Todd Christensen to approve Ordinance 2021-04 concerning AR to Business District changes. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Todd Christensen to approve Ordinance 2021-05 amending chapter 20 article IX of the town code relating to shoreland district. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Chris Olson to approve Resolution 2021-16 approving publication of summary of shoreland amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

-Violation letters

Saver – no IUP for greenhouse

ICO LLC – no outside storage allowed, has been warned, fine will be assessed and CUP must be changed.

A letter was sent to Gottwaldt, no response received.

-There will be no December P&Z meeting.

-Jeff Alfveby is making good progress on getting rid of cars. He has agreed to build a fence to hide the rest of the cars. M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to let 10,000 bond expire with agreement to build a fence. Motion passed unanimously.

-Jason Ross is in a conflict with Todd Dooley. This is a civil matter and the township will not get involved at this time. Jason is in compliance with the DNR and the township.

-Mike presented the board with a proposal for an addition to the town hall.

-Mike inquired if anyone had a good computer tech that we can call when we need assistance.

Roads

-Frost is now too deep for road projects.

-Some salt and sand was put down on the first two snowfalls.

Fire

-There will be a 7% increase in the fire board budget for 2022.

Parks

-The balance in the park fund is 52,967.12.

-Electrical has been installed at Anderson park.

Clerk's Report

- Reminder that January's meeting will be held on January 10 due to New Year's and will begin at 6:30 for the board of reorg.

-All 2021 receipts and disbursements have been reconciled with the treasurer.

-Resolutions were submitted to the county for the board of appeals to be returned to the township and for the 2022 election location.

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 7534-7567 totaling 39,976.58). Motion passed unanimously.

-The treasurer and the clerk are in balance.

-Marlys gave a budget update.

-We will keep the levy flat for 2022 annual meeting even with the fire increase. Marlys has just made adjustments in account allotments.

-The cell tower deposits have returned to the original amount.

We will keep a reserve in P&Z of 5500.00 in case we need to pay them back.

Mike will contact Peter about SBA.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Todd Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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