

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held  
January 6, 2014 at the Town Hall*

*Board members present: John Bartz, Lyle Reynolds, Barb Kilpatrick, Jan Palmer, David Beckstrom, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Staff Jim Braun*

*Guests: Don and Karen Mickelson, Mike Warring, Steve Balfany, Cindy Reynolds*

*The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived, due to the Board of Reorganization meeting.*

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/ David Beckstrom to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

***Review Action Items***

*Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:- -Jim will contact Connexus about 245<sup>th</sup> - location of road and power line.*

*-Jim will check on more prices and options for desks at the town hall.*

*-Jan will see about getting a township logo for the newsletter.*

*Jim gave an update on the desks but is still checking out options with House of Wood and Target Commercial.*

*Carolyn met with Connexus. They have stated that the line is old and it is possible they will remove the line and go underground with it. They will need to obtain right of way on the south side of the road-- 245<sup>th</sup>.*

*East Bethel will draw up a proposal for the road.*

### ***Approve Agenda***

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/David Beckstrom to approve the agenda as ammended. Motion passed unanimously.*

### ***Planning and Zoning***

- No permits this month.*
- Three site plan approvals are before the planning commission.*
- Inspections are up to date.*
- Lyle gave a county update.*

### ***Roads***

- Not much activity involving the roads.*
- We have had a complaint from the post office that township roads are not being plowed close enough to the mail boxes for the mail to be delivered. David Beckstrom will talk to Craig about the issue. Residents have also noticed that the plow is going very fast.*
- 249<sup>th</sup> and 65 intersection needs sand.*

## **Fire**

*John Bartz attended his last meeting in December 2013 as chair of the Fire District. Jan Palmer will take over attending meetings to represent Athens Township.*

## **Parks**

- The balance in the park fund is \$41,637.24.*
- No meeting until January.*

## **Clerk's Report**

- The board of Audit will be held February 3, 2014 at 6:30 PM before the regular meeting. Diane will post the meeting and send a reminder email to all board members.*
- We are working on finalizing all 2013 accounts and closing out the books for the year.*
- In your packets is a 2014 meeting schedule.*

*Barb will be doing the purchase agreement for the purchase of the Peck property. Barb will also check with MAT to see who is eligible to sign for the township.*

*M/S David Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds that John Bartz, Lyle Reynolds, or Diane Carpenter may sign the purchase agreement, following MAT's recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.*

*-We would like to have the newsletter out to residents before the annual meeting. We would like each board member to write an article and email it to David Beckstrom.*

*Mike Warring gave a county update.*

### ***Treasurer's Report***

*M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 4792-4810 plus IRS totaling \$29,423.76). Motion passed unanimously.*

*Marlys presented budget projections for the annual meeting.*

*John suggested that we should consider forming a road committee for future road improvements.*

*M/S Jan Palmer/Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Diane Carpenter  
Township Clerk*

*Athens*

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