

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
March 3, 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 & Carolyn Braun

Guests: Cindy Reynolds, Don & Karen Mickelson, Russ & Ann Mann, Terry VanVleet, Joe Stokes, Tim Swanson, Dave Henderson, Craig Bjorklund

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/ Jan Palmer to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/David Beckstrom to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2014 special fire meeting as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

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

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

-Lyle is checking prices for cleanup day.

Diane will contact workers for cleanup day.

Approve Agenda

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning

-A neighborhood meeting was held regarding the new group home. John Bartz attended. Many questions were answered for residents.

-Regarding Amcon Block, trucks cannot turn the corner to enter the site. The planning commission recommended denial of the site plan for other reasons outlined in the resolution.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Jan Palmer to approve resolution 2014-01 denying the request for site plan approval based on P&Z findings.

Motion passed unanimously.

-Inspections are up to date.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Roads have been a challenge with lots of ice. A school bus got stuck on Hastings.

-David Beckstrom attended the HWY 65 coalition meeting.

-If residents have concerns about roads, they should call David Beckstrom, not Craig Bjorklund.

Fire

John Bartz recapped the special meeting held February 18. The supervisors of Isanti township wish to meet with our board. The meeting will be held on March 25, 2014 at our town hall at 7 PM. Diane will post and publish the meeting.

Parks

- The balance in the park fund is \$43,096.33.
- The park board met in February. A discussion was held about signage for the ball fields.
- There will be a big tournament held here on May 31st and June 1st.

Clerk's Report

- The special road meeting will be held on March 24, 2014 and has been posted and published.
- The special fire meeting will be held on March 25, 2014 and has been posted and published.
- Spring short courses will be on Tuesday March 25, 2014 in St. Cloud.
- The Board of Review will be held on Wednesday April 23, 2014 at the town hall at 7 PM.
- Please let Diane know if the town hall is being rented, so Curt can make sure the snow has been removed.

David Beckstrom explained options for the newsletter to be sent out this week.

M/S David Beckstrom/Barb Kilpatrick to spend up to 900.00 for the newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

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 4826-4844 plus IRS totaling \$20,703.86, with checks 4839, 4840. and 4841 being destroyed by the printer). Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/David Beckstrom to approve up to 400.00 for a new printer for the clerk. Motion passed unanimously. Russ will get a printer for us and install it.

The 2015 levy was discussed. It was decided to raise the levy to 535,000.00 to help with excessive plowing costs, town hall renovations, and a possible change in fire protection costs.

Barb will need a check for 500.00 for the purchase agreement for the Peck land.

Terry VanVleet said that his driveway on Hastings floods all the time, due to a hump in the ditch line to the south. Jim will check on it.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/David Beckstrom to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Carpenter
Township Clerk*

Athens

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