

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held
May 6, 2013 at the Town Hall*

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

Guests: Russ & Ann Mann, Mike Warring, Curt Carpenter, Jim Rostberg, Cindy Reynolds, Chet Duck, Richard & Judi Huempfer, Joanne Petro, Melanie Hart, Leroy Johnson, Morgan A., Dale Lessard, and Tim Lessard

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2012 Board of Review meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Action Items

Action items were reviewed and discussed. Those remaining were:

-Dave will get dustcoating bids.

- Dave will negotiate cell tower contracts.
- David and Barb will meet with Julie about the Website.
- John will contact someone about the desks at the town hall.

Approve Agenda

M/S John Bartz/ David Beckstrom to approve the agenda as ammended. Motion passed unanimously.

It was brought to our attention that the fire extinguishers are outdated. Jim will get them checked out.

Joanne Petro presented a request from the residents of Pinto Drive for crime watch signs.

M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to purchase 2 signs. Motion passed unanimously.

CICB made a donation to the maintenance of the ball field and presented jerseys to Russ and Ann Mann.

Planning and Zoning

- Two permits were issued this month.
- Inspections are up to date.
- David & Kathy Beckstrom applied for an IUP for a bed and breakfast.

M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to approve the IUP with conditions in the report. Motion passed unanimously with David Beckstrom abstaining from the vote.

-Dale & Tim Lessard applied for an IUP for a retail art gallery. A discussion was held about the mass gathering ordinance. This issue is being referred to P & Z for further discussion.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/David Beckstrom to approve the retail art gallery in the Turpen Realty location. Motion passed unanimously.

-The South Isanti Auto Sales issue has been turned over to Peter Tiede. We need to receive a check and site plan by tomorrow for them to be in compliance or we will be going to court.

-Lyle gave a county update.

Roads

-Gravel Bids were opened. We received 2, from Knife River and Bjorklunds.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Barb Kilpatrick to accept the bid from Bjorklund's, which was the lowest bid. Motion passed unanimously.

Roads are a little dry. Dave has requested bids for dustcoating.

Lyle will follow up with Craig on the bids.

Lyle will review the Road Review with Craig.

Fire

John Bartz gave an update on the Fire District. The year end audit was finished and had a great report.

Parks

The balance in the park fund is \$42,989.67.

The park equipment is being installed.

The landing at Anderson Park was discussed. Barb talked to Karen Gibson about grants for improvements.

Signage for the ball park was discussed.

Clerk's Report

-Barb, Lyle, and Marlys will be attending the Couri & Ruppe seminar on June 13, 2013. Diane will send in the registration.

-The Board of Review was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

-Summer short courses will be in St. Cloud on June 17th.

For cleanup day, we had two full dumpsters of garbage, one of steel, and 2/3 of the semi was full of tires. Diane will apply to the county for the \$500 assistance with the cleanup day costs.

Treasurer's Report

M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report (checks 4538-4567 plus IRS totaling \$37,778.39, check 4556 voided.). Motion passed unanimously.

M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds for Russ or Marlys to be able to transfer funds at Peoples Bank. Motion passed unanimously.

The panels for the sign came. The cost was 119.70.

*The street light at Colin Meadows was turned off.
M/S Barb Kilpatrick/John Bartz to pay the final bill with
township funds. Motion passed unanimously.*

We will try to set a date to have a joint meeting with P & Z.

*Dave Henderson presented a letter stating his desire to retire
on July 1, 2013.*

*M/S John Bartz/Barb Kilpatrick to accept Dave's resignation.
Motion passed unanimously.*

*M/S John Bartz/Lyle Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 9:22
PM. Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Carpenter
Township Clerk*

Athens

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