

*Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held  
November 4, 2013 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: Cindy Reynolds, Russ & Ann Mann, Don and Karen Mickelson, Leroy Johnson, Mike Warring, Tom Olin, Morgan & Rachel Anderson, Jacqui Baker, Joni Fontaine, Wendy Anderson, Larry & Betty King, Rebecca Mauriala-Kuehn, W. Kuehn*

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

*M/S Barb Kilpatrick/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the October 7, 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.*

***Approve Agenda***

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

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

- Three new permits this month.*
- Inspections are up to date.*
- Cleanups are up to date. The gully cleanup is still being worked on. It will probably not be done until spring.*
- Jim presented a list of mail box posts not yet paid for. There are nine remaining.*
- Jim presented an estimate for new desks for the town hall from House of Wood.*

*M/S David Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to approve up to \$5000.00 for the desk with changes. Changes were discussed, including that they need to be moveable for elections, etc. After the discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Jim will check on other options and prices.*

- If we are going to send out a newsletter, we need to get started on it soon. Jan will check on a logo for it.*
- Lyle gave a county update.*

### ***Roads***

- M/S David Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to approve the minutes of the fall road review. Motion passed unanimously.*
- Morgan Anderson had work done by the grader operator. In the process of the work being done, a survey stake was removed.*

*M/S David Beckstrom/Jan Palmer to spend up to \$300.00 to have the marker replaced. Motion passed unanimously with Lyle abstaining from the vote. A discussion followed regarding who is liable for damage when the grader is being rented.*

*Carolyn will prepare a disclaimer to be signed by those renting the grader, absolving the township of liability.*

*-A discussion was held about the condition of Larch after all the rain. The ditches are too high for the water to drain properly. David Beckstrom will discuss the issue with Craig.*

*-Carolyn is still checking on the issue of 245<sup>th</sup>, in discussions with Connexus.*

### ***Fire***

*Work is being done on the budget, with it being finalized at the November meeting.*

*Three attorneys are working on the pension issue.*

### ***Parks***

*-The balance in the park fund is \$37,944.26.*

*-No meeting was held in October, and we will not have another meeting until after the first of the year.*

*-The new light towers have been installed by GRE and look great.*

### ***Clerk's Report***

*-The snow plowing policy was published.*

*-Diane will need copies of certificates of training for the Board of Review from Lyle and John, to be in compliance with new regulations from the Assessor's office.*

-The remainder of the bill for North Branch Township was paid.  
-The outstanding bill for Peter Tiede was taken care of.  
-All claims for the December meeting must be received by Diane by Monday, November 25, 2013 because of Thanksgiving.

-Russ presented the board with the Peck appraisals. Russ will discuss them with Carolyn and Jim.

-The web page is about half done.

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 4735-4760 plus IRS totaling \$58,343.97). Motion passed unanimously.

Jim will now be receiving their compensation checks instead of Carolyn.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/David Beckstrom to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Diane Carpenter*  
*Township Clerk*

*Athens*

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