

## Minutes of the Athens Township Annual Meeting Held March 9, 2021 at the Town Hall

The town clerk, Diane Carpenter, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Seven township residents signed the attendance sheet. See attached copy.

Nominations for a moderator were opened.

M/S Amy Peterson/Billy Larson to nominate Jason Ross.

No other nominations were made. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Jim Dave Henderson/Mike Warring to waive reading of minutes of last year's meeting and approve them. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Jim Johnson/Dave Henderson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Henderson/Mike Warring to waive the reading of the individual checks disbursed into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Jim Johnson/Billy Larson to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Jason Polzin gave an update on the Fire District for the past year and passed out a report to the residents.

M/S Dave Henderson/Amy Peterson to support 8 charities that we supported last year, with no changes. Motion passed unanimously. These charities include the following:

1. \$1.00 per household to Isanti County Historical Society.
2. \$700.00 to the Seven County Senior Federation.
3. \$2.50 per household to Family Pathways.
4. \$2.50 per household to Isanti County Safety and Rescue.
5. \$200.00 to Friends of Isanti Library.
6. \$1.50 per household to New Pathways.
7. \$1.00 per household to the Isanti County Agricultural Society
8. \$1.00 per household to 4-H

M/S Dave Henderson/Amy Peterson to continue our policy on culverts. The township buys culverts for residents and residents reimburse the Township in full. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Henderson/Mike Warring to continue to fund the Neighborhood Watch Groups within the township by supplying two signs to organized watch groups who apply and allow use of the town hall for meetings without cost. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Amy Peterson/Billy Larson to continue the township's payment of \$2.00 a pair for gopher feet. The county no longer reimburses us for gopher feet and the township will absorb the entire cost. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Henderson/Billy Larson to continue to reimburse Athens residents for gopher poison applied to Athens township agricultural lands after completing reimbursement form. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Amy Peterson/Dave Henderson to approve weed and brush mowing for weed control along township roads. Motion passed unanimously.

The 2022 Levy proposal was presented to the attending town residents to consider:

\$299,500.00 Road & Bridge  
\$139,500.00 Revenue  
\$ 96,000.00 Fire Fund

M/S Dave Henderson/Mike Warring to set the 2022 Levy at \$535,000.00 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Diane Carpenter gave an update on township roads. Update was prepared by Chris Olson.

Amy Peterson gave an update on parks. Amy is new to parks this year. The park board will resume meetings shortly.

The township celebration discussion authorized contributing \$2000.00(funding for a public celebration must be authorized by the Town per MN statute.)

M/S Amy Peterson/Billy Larson to authorize the township board to make \$2000.00 available for a 2021 celebration with the understanding that all monies need not be spent. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Henderson gave a P&Z update. He stated that P&Z is currently looking for two new members. Also, we are looking at expanding commercial zoning along the highway 65 corridor and near the town hall.

Amy Peterson gave a fire update. She noted the quick response time of the Isanti Fire District.

M/S Jim Johnson/Dave Henderson to continue to use 1<sup>st</sup> Bank and Trust and Flagship as the primary banks of the township and Falcon as a secondary bank for the township. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Henderson/Amy Peterson to use County News Review as the official newspaper of the township. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Amy Peterson/Mike Warring to designate the town hall for official postings. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Amy Peterson/Dave Henderson to set the 2022 Annual Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, otherwise March 8, 2022, convening at 7:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Jim Johnson/Mike Warring to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Moderator