

Minutes of the Athens Township Annual Meeting Held March 12, 2019 at the Town Hall

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

Nominations for a moderator were opened.

M/S Todd Christensen/Lyle Reynolds to nominate Dave Beckstrom.

No other nominations were made.

Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Todd Christensen to waive reading of minutes of last year's meeting and approve them. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Todd Christensen/Erin Olson to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Cambridge Isanti ball players attended the meeting. They thanked the township for the ball fields and presented a check for field maintenance for 2019.

M/S Jim Johnson/Lyle Reynolds to waive the reading of the individual checks disbursed into the record. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Mike Warring to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Safety and Rescue gave an update on things that have been accomplished this past year.

M/S Jim Johnson/Todd Christensen 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 Lyle Reynolds/Erin Olson to continue our policy on culverts. The township buys culverts for residents and residents reimburse the Township in full. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Erin Olson/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 Lyle Reynolds/Erin Olson to continue 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 Billy Larson/Todd Christensen to continue to reimburse Athens residents for gopher poison applied to Athens township agricultural lands after completing reimbursement form. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Mike Warring/Lyle Reynolds to approve weed and brush mowing for weed control along township roads. Motion passed unanimously.

The 2020 Levy proposal was presented to the attending town residents to consider:

\$300,000.00 Road & Bridge
\$140,000.00 Revenue
\$ 95,000.00 Fire Fund

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Erin Olson to set the 2020 Levy at \$535,000.00 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Erin Olson gave an update on township roads.

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

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Todd Christensen to authorize the township board to make \$2000.00 available for a 2019 celebration with the understanding that all monies need not be spent. Motion passed unanimously.

Jason Polzin gave an update on the Fire District. 12% of the calls last year were to Athens township. We also have seven new firefighters this year.

Dave Beckstrom gave a P&Z update. He updated residents about the solar farm. He also mentioned the instituting of escrow accounts. He also mentioned Andy as the new building inspector.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to continue to use 1st Bank and Trust and Flagship as the primary banks of the township and Falson as a secondary bank for the township. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Mike Warring to use County News Review as the official newspaper of the township. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Dave Beckstrom/Lyle Reynolds to designate the town hall for official postings. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Todd Christensen/Billy Larson to set the 2020 Annual Meeting for the second Tuesday in March, otherwise March 10, 2020, convening at 7:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Lyle Reynolds/Curt Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

Moderator

Date _____