Minutes of the Regular Athens Town Board Meeting Held January 9, 2023 at the Town Hall

Board members present: Dave Henderson, Amy Peterson, Todd Christensen, Chris Olson, Clerk Diane Carpenter, Treasurer Marlys Balfany, and Mike Jungbauer

Guests: Jason Ross, Lyle Reynolds, Eric Pfeifer, Billy Larson, Tom Heinen, Mike Warring, Curt Carpenter

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

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Action items were reviewed. Those remaining were: Marlys will check on getting a credit card for the township.

Approve Agenda

M/S Amy Peterson/Chris Olson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Lyle Reynolds gave a county update.

Planning & Zoning

-Mike gave an update on the public hearings for P&Z from December meeting.

M/S Todd Christensen/Chris Olson to approve the plans. Motion passed unanimously.

-A discussion was held about 25122 Lever St. They have a riding arena which is not allowed. Mike is working with them on the issue.

-Mike presented material from Arc Scanning Services.

M/S Todd Christensen/Amy Peterson to approve up to 16,000 to have the scanning done. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike again brought up the issue of codification.

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to spend up to 11,000 for codification. Motion passed unanimously.

-Mike is working with Dan on the Website.

-Mike presented the issue of a pay raise. It will be discussed at February's meeting.

-We have had a request for a new cell tower. Mike will explore the options.

-An issue arose concerning our present dog ordinance. Mike will revamp ordinance.

Mike Warring gave a county update.

Roads

-Roads are in good winter condition.

-Lots of snow so far this year.

-A discussion was held about chip sealing versus paving. Chris will send out info.

Fire

-The assistant fire chief retired and was replaced by Zach Lundquist.

Parks

-Amy is working on purchasing a grill for the township.

Clerk's Report

-Reminder that the Board of Audit meeting will be held at 6:30 prior to the Regular February Board Meeting.

-All year end totals in CTAS are completed and balanced with the treasurer.

-The resolution for the polling place was turned in to the Isanti County Auditor.

Treasurer's Report-

M/S Chris Olson/Amy Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report, Claims List for Approval, and Net Pay Account Distribution Report & IRS (checks 7869-7887 plus IRS totaling 24,744.48). Motion passed unanimously.

-Marlys gave a budget report.

-A discussion was held about the levy and the consensus was that it should remain the same for the upcoming year. We may need to transfer funds to different accounts in 2024.

General-

Dave Beckstrom submitted a verbal and texted message of resignation from the board. Diane will contact him to get this in writing. Board members should consider applicants to appoint to this vacant seat.

M/S Chris Olson/ Amy Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Carpenter

Athens Township Clerk

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