

**APPROVED**

ATHENS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
ATHENS TOWNSHIP HALL

JANUARY 2, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor S Irons. Present were Clerk Deb Denney, Deputy Clerk Amy Heath, Trustee Steve Tuttle, Supervisor Steve Irons, Treasurer Mike Irons, Zoning Administrator Phillip Goodrich, Fire Chief Steve Wart and Deputy Fire Chief JR Brunner. Trustee Cliff Denney was absent.

Motion by M Irons 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by S Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

S Irons hasn't heard from the Road Commission. He assumes our requests were approved.

The Road Commission is trying to get the roads scraped but it keeps raining.

If someone is cremated after another person has already been buried, can the cremated remains of the second person be put on top of the casket. Brunner said yes. If someone dies and is buried on top of the vault, then there wouldn't be any way to put up another head stone.

We need to address this with our attorney. Maybe we should make a resolution to change the ordinance as to how many remains can be buried in one lot.

Missy Irons gave the library report. She needs to get new bids for the work on the automatic doors because the 1<sup>st</sup> ones have expired. She must use this grant by March 1, 2024.

The water fountain at the library also needs fixed.

It was decided that Evan Irons can fix the items that need repairing at the library.

Wart reported on the Fire Department. See attached.

There wasn't a planning commission meeting in December.

Goodrich wants to go to a seminar that MTA is holding. The cost would be \$25.00. It is ok with board.

Denney told the board that we would need to change the meeting nights in August and November because of the elections. It was decided that we would have them on Monday, August 12 and Monday November 11, 2024.

M Irons gave the treasurer's report.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to adopt the "Calhoun County, Michigan Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan" dated November 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Debera Denney, Athens Township Clerk