ATHENS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING ATHENS TOWNSHIP HALL

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Tuttle. Present were Clerk Deb Denney, Deputy Clerk Amy Heath, Trustee Steve Tuttle, Treasurer Mike Irons, Assessor Marcia Bail, Zoning Administrator Phillip Goodrich, Matt Harvey, Prosecutor Dave Gilbert, Sheriff Hinckley, Deputy Fire Chief JR Brunner, Fire Chief Steve Wart, Julie VanderMeer, and Greg Moore. Supervisor Steve Irons and Trustee Cliff Denney were absent.

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

Motion by M Irons 2nd by D Denney to approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented. Motion carried.

S Tuttle and S Irons took a ride around the township to check out the roads. T Drive South, west of 1 Mile to the county line should be returned to gravel.

Next year we will look at re-graveling roads. T Drive Southeast of the Village and 6 Mile Road at the bridge have bad potholes.

We have not heard anything about the drain.

Sheriff Hinckley went to a conference in Texas. This conference was about the boarder issues. They are finding dead bodies in the desert. They are having around five police chases each evening. Border Patrol said the fentanyl coming across the border is out of control. Darian Gap is brutal.

Gilbert reported that an adult is responsible for their gun and keeping it locked up. If a child gets the gun and kills someone with it, the owner will be charged.

Brunner stated that PFSA has been found in the water at 4 parts per trillion during the Village testing. The new reading can be a maximum of 8 parts. This was found in the 17' well at Palmiter's on U Drive South. The Village water is testing fine at 3 parts per trillion which is within the limits of the testing.

Missy Irons gave the library report. See attached.

The library is looking into raising the pay schedule for the employees. The library board is asking the township with help paying the employees a higher wage if they cannot get funding. M Irons stated that we could help by using the money we are saving from the consolidated dispatch payments.

We will discuss helping the library with the wage issue at the annual meeting.

Bail stated that the assessments are out, and that board of review will be on Monday, March 11 from 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm. On Tuesday, March 12, they will be from 2 pm to 5 pm and from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Wart reported on the fire department. See attached.

Motion by Tuttle 2nd by M Irons that we accept the 2023 Allocation Report and the 2024 Allocation Request from the Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Tuttle 2nd by M Irons to approve adding the wording and addition of the updated maps requested by the Tribe to the master plan. Motion carried.

Moore said that there is a possibility that LSRB might be able to do a grant program this year.

The Tribal property has been put in a trust and might be placed in tier 1.

D Denney and Amy reported that the election went well. We were busier than we thought we would be. The votes are all canvassed, and we are done until August when we have the General Primary.

M Irons gave the treasurer's report.

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

Motion by Tuttle 2nd by D Denney to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$116,596.42. Motion carried.

M Irons said that he has settled with the County. In the 30 years he has been here, this is the 1st time he has not gone to the County to settle. It was all done on the computer. Motion carried.

Our share for the handy cap accessible doors for the library is \$3500.00. M Irons will transfer the money to the library account.

Motion by D Denney 2nd by M Irons to adjourn. Motion carried.

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