

ATHENS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
ATHENS TOWNSHIP HALL

JANUARY 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor S Irons. Present were Supervisor Steve Irons, Clerk Deb Denney, Deputy Clerk Amy Heath, Trustee Steve Tuttle, Trustee Cliff Denney, Treasurer Mike Irons, Assessor Marcia Bail, Zoning Administrator Phillip Goodrich, Fire Chief Steve Wart, Deputy Fire Chief JR Brunner, and Lori Doubleday from the Library Board.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

We need to decide what, if anything, we want done next year on our roads.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle that we start at 2 Mile Road and go east on "O" Drive South as far as we can go for \$60,000 with skip paving. Motion carried.

We are still waiting on information from the County on the drain situation.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to table the drain situation (regarding the flooding in the southeast section of the Village) until next month. Motion carried.

A civil engineer needs to be hired by the County to complete a workup on the drain, then we will have to pay them. The Village wants to know how much it will be.

Bail is working on the new building permits.

Residential will be the biggest increase:

47% Residential  
Just over 50% Agriculture  
52% Commercial  
49% Industrial

Marcia's granddaughter, Carly, will be scanning cards for her.

Wart reported on the fire board. See attached.

S Irons asked about the grant for a replacement truck for tanker 261. He stated that we need to stop spending money until we get the building addition paid for and the new truck that is already coming.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney that we go ahead and apply for a grant to replace 261.

D Denney, yes      Tuttle, yes      M Irons, no      C Denney, yes      S Irons, no  
Motion carried.

Goodrich reported on his work for the month. See attached.

Goodrich would like to have Missy Irons set up a web site for the Township. We have tried before but have not had any luck.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle that we have Missy Irons set up a web site for the Township for a fee of \$1,500.00. M Irons abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to accept the 30 day estimate from Keep and Martinson for the sum of \$68,690.00 for the 20x76 pole style addition on the existing fire station. We will cut a check for \$34,345 tonight. Motion carried.

Bail will check into the 2 attached water pollution tax exemptions from the state, 1 for 5101 N Drive South (Wagley 1-1a) and 5253 R Drive South (Bottomley 1-13a).

Tuttle talked to the new drain commissioner; he needs a culvert put in. He called to get it installed and they have acknowledged that it will be put in.

M Irons reported on the treasurer's report.

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

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$30,793.30. Motion carried.

Motion by M Irons 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to table the budget amendment. Motion carried.

Brunner asked if the fire auxiliary could pour a slab at the end of the guard rail on the south side of the building and put the storage shed there for them to use. The Board said this would be okay.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to adjourn. Motion carried.

---

Debera Denney, Clerk

This meeting was a ZOOM meeting.

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, Trustee Cliff Denney, Assessor Marcia Bail, Lori Doubleday, Mike Alverson, Missy Irons, Linda Minier and Anna Oswalt from the Community Foundation.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to approve the minutes from the January meeting as presented. Motion carried.

S Irons talked with Cory from the Road Commission and told him we would like the ditch on W Drive South cleaned out. We also want to skip pave O Drive South from 2 Mile Road as far as we can go for our \$60,000.

There has not been any communication with the drain commissioner.

The Road Commission might not be able to do any primary roads this year due to lack of funding.

Bail reported that the assessment notices will be out by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Land values are basically staying the same.

No adjustment is needed to the sales study as they are within the economic condition factor (ECF).

M Irons asked Bail if she would have a bill from doing her assessments so that we can revise the budget if needed. She said she would have one, but it would not be very big.

Anna Oswalt gave a presentation on what the Community Foundation does. It has been in operation since 1994 and they have given out many scholarships amounting to around \$340,000. They also have funding for adults who would like to continue their educations. These are just a couple of the many things that the Foundation does. They have also partnered with the Tribe and have 3 different grants that can be sought after:

- 1) General Funds, non-profit organizations.
- 2) Rapid response teams
- 3) Mini grants

Missy Irons reported that the library has not had any new patrons. They incurred 37 patron visits, signed out 309 books, had 23 people use the computers and 177 people asked for help.

They also have curbside service if someone would like to call and ask that a book(s) be brought out to their car, the librarian will then take the items to them in their car when they arrive.

They are very active in the borrowing and loaning books with other libraries.

Melvin Steury said that the building permits have been applied for with regards to the addition to the fire department.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to pay the bills for the addition as they come in. Motion carried.

Steve Hunt will pour the concrete and Ludwick will do the electricity.

There is a leak in the basement at the library. C Denney will be at the library tomorrow to see what can be done. There is a possibility that we need to put some drainage tile in. Mike Alverson from the Village said that any of the outside work can be done by the Village crew just get with Dorman.

Missy Irons asked who they need to go to for repairs. She was instructed to contact the Township Board.

We need to purchase a heater for the safe at the library or the items will not be any good because of damage due to the dampness.

D Denney reported that all the W-2s are out.

Missy Irons talked about the new Web site.

M Irons reported on the treasurer's report.

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

The Board went over the budget and made some revisions.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney to adopt the budget review dated February 4, 2021 with an ending expense balance of \$878,850, an income of \$868,027 and an ending balance of -\$10,823. Motion carried.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$32,253.43. Motion carried.

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

---

Debera Denney, Township Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Steve Irons. Present were Clerk Deb Denney, Deputy Clerk Amy Heath, Trustee Steve Tuttle, Supervisor Steve Irons, Trustee Cliff Denney, Treasurer Mike Irons, LRSB Representative Greg Moore, Deputy Fire Chief JR Brunner, Lt. Nate Walker, Zoning Administrator Phillip Goodrich, Fire Chief Steve Wart, Library Director Missy Irons, Library Board Members Lori Doubleday, and Linda Minier.

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

Motion by M Irons 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to accept the minutes from the February meeting as presented. Motion carried.

S Irons reported that the Road Commission quoted \$110,000 for our share of the cost if we do 1 1/2" overlay with chip and seal on O Drive South from 2 Mile Road to the bridge just before the curve to 3 1/2 Mile Road. He told them that he didn't think this would work.

The Board agreed to tell the Road Commission that we have \$60,000 and they need to figure out what they can do for that amount.

S Irons will work on the drains this month.

Wart reported on the Fire Board Meeting. See attached.

There was not a Planning Commission meeting in February.

Goodrich said that it had been a slow month.

Moore reported that the money from the casino was \$5.8 million, down \$900,00 from last year. He also stated that we need to appoint an alternate to serve on the LRS Board.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to keep Moore as primary representative of the LRS Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney to appoint M Irons to serve as the alternate for the LRS Board. Motion carried.

There is a water problem in the basement of the Library. C Denney and M Irons will look into what needs to be done to fix it.

Missy Irons reported that the Library had to have a new water heater. They contacted Ron Riley and he put one in for them.

Missy Irons reported that the Library had 2 curb side service patrons, 3 so far this year, and 5 new patrons. February was slow due to adverse weather conditions.

The Library is going to do a "Grab and Go" which is crafts for all ages.

In December M Irons contacted the Michigan Department of Libraries, Clair Membilia and she said the board members serving as Library Board members must be voted in. This must be done in the August 2024 election.

We have a report from them right down to news articles. The Library was built in 1923 for a community memorial building. (see report).

M Irons would like permission to contact Anne Seuryneck with Foster & Swift.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney to contact Foster & Swift, Anne Seuryneck, in Grand Rapids. Motion carried.

The building permit application for the addition to the fire department has been turned into Safe Built. They said it would probably be about 2 weeks for them to get it back to us. C Denney said it does not usually take that long and they would probably get it back to us earlier than that.

Costs at this point are:

- 1) Excavating – not over \$5,000.
- 2) Concrete – about \$15,000 with Hunt Concrete doing the work.
- 3) Electrical – about \$13,000 with Ludwick doing the work.
- 4) Tubing in the floor will be done by Trevor Barnes.

We need to check on the boiler to make sure it will be big enough.

The cost for Trevor Barnes will be about \$190,000.

The annual meeting will be March 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

M Irons reported on the Treasurer's report.

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

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$35,911.97. Motion carried.

Motion by M Irons 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to approve the 2021/2022 Budget dated 3/30/21 with a net income of -\$107,965.19. Motion carried.

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

APRIL 6, 2021

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

Motion by M Irons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by M Irons 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to approve the minutes from the February meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Last fall it was discussed that the Road Commission would turn M Drive South west of 2 Mile Road back to gravel. The residents do not want this done.

Four Mile Road is bad between Burr Oak and S Drive South, but residents do not want that turned back to gravel either.

"O" Drive South east between 2 Mile Road and the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> curve is 1.422 miles. The total to have this road chip and sealed would be \$119,981.25. The Township down payment would be \$14,997.66. Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to table this until next month. Motion carried.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to approve the PA 116 from Dennis and Roma Fuller located on M Drive South, tax #02-005-013-01. Motion carried.

M Irons explained that if our attorney is not familiar with something, Foster and Swift can help but they are not taking over.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to enter into a contract with Foster and Swift to help us with the Library issues. Motion carried. A copy of the contract is attached.

Bail said that the March Board of Review was very boring. No one came in. They had some disabled veteran's exemptions to sign and some changes from Marcia.

Bail did not have any problems at the County. She has rolled over the data base and is working on 2022.

She is holding off home inspections until the end of April, first of May.

Wart reported on the Fire Board meeting. See attached.

Melvin Steury asked about putting steel on the new section roof and then continuing onto the rest of the building at a later date. It was decided to put shingles on the new section then when it is time, we will redo it all. This way we will not have any fading.

The Planning Commission did not meet in February.

Goodrich reported on his work for the month. See attached.

Missy Irons reported on the Library. See attached.

There was a problem with water in the basement at the Library. It was from a drain tile that was plugged by the people who worked on the handi cap ramp. It has been repaired.

Clela Bauer is resigning from the Library Board effective May 1, 2021.

Bauer gave us some information regarding past actions that were taken by the boards. See attached.

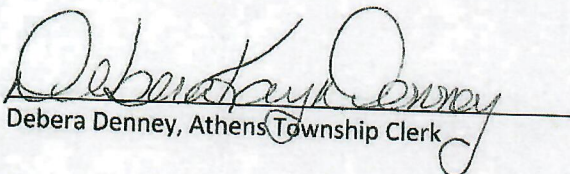
M Irons reported on the treasurer's report.

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.

He has settled with the County and everything has balanced.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$6,743.99. Motion carried.

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

  
Debera Denney, Athens Township Clerk



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, Assessor Marcia Bail, Zoning Administrator Phillip Goodrich, Fire Chief Steve Wart, and Deputy Fire Chief JR Brunner. Trustee Cliff Denney and Treasurer Mike Irons were absent.

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

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to approve the minutes from the April meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to approve the Estimate from the Road Commission in the amount of \$119,981.25 for skip pave "O" Drive South with HMA between already existing skips paved locations up to the start of the second curve. Total length of paving is to be approximately 3900 feet. The Township agrees to chip seal this road in 2022. The advance amount for this work will be paid in the amount of \$14,997.66. Motion carried.

We are on the list to be the first township to have potholes filled. This work is to be done by the company who does a good job.

S Irons has not heard anything from the Drain office.

Bail sent inspection notices out a couple week ago.

Wart reported on the fire board meeting. See attached.

The Planning Commission has received the completed wind energy ordinance from the sub-committee. See attached notes from Phillip Goodrich.

S Irons talked to Swarthout about the grade being too high. Hunts Concrete took it out.

Ron Riley thinks the current boiler system is sufficient to handle the new addition.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to plant perennials in front of the Township building not to exceed \$500.00. The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Assessor will take care of this. Motion carried.

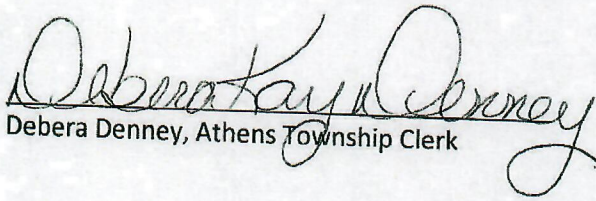
M Irons would like to fix the tables at the library.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to fix the tables at the Library with the County Parks mileage. Motion carried.

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 Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$80,301.71. Motion carried.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to adjourn. Motion carried.

  
Debera Denney, Athens Township Clerk

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, Trustee Cliff Denney, Treasurer Mike Irons, Assessor Marcia Bail, Zoning Administrator Phillip Goodrich, and Deputy Fire Chief JR Brunner.

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

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to approve the May minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Road Commission started putting brine on the roads today.

They are getting ready to work on O Drive South.

There isn't anything being done with the drains at this time. What does the Village want to do about the flood area?

Brunner said the Village has not done anything. They are waiting for more information. They want a meeting with the Drain Commissioner and the subcommittee.

Bail reported that section 33 in the Village is done as to inspections. Section 34 letters will go out next week.

M Irons and Bail worked on the data base.

CAMA has new standards from the State for Athens.

Brunner reported on the Fire Board Meeting. See attached.

Dunsha in Battle Creek should be able to repair the fire trucks that got hit with cement when the pressure hose blew on the cement truck while pouring the floor in the new section.

Goodrich reported on the Planning Commission meeting. They are trying to get the school for a public hearing. See attached.

Asplund Tree Trimmers are trimming trees from the power lines.

The Oil Company is placing sensors around the area to see if they can find oil.

We do have an August Election; however, it is only for the Township residents who live in Union City School district. They will be voting in Burlington to keep costs down. We are doing all the work ahead of time including absent voter ballots and then they will be taken to Burlington.

Tuttle showed pictures of the Walker Cemetery. Ron VanHauten is doing a wonderful job working with the stones, etc. He does need some more money to finish the job.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to give VanHauten another \$600.00 for materials. Motion carried.

M Irons reported on 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.

M Irons would like to check on the ability to take credit/debit cards for taxes. Southern Michigan Bank and Trust and BS&A can both do it. BS&A can do an online credit/debit payment.

One problem is that we do not know if the Village can be split out, or does the Village want to go in with us.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney for M Irons to continue seeing what can be done. Motion carried.

Motion by S Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$88,615.34. Motion carried.

S Irons said that we have a water problem in the back of the fire department. He thinks that maybe a 6" pipe would take care of it.

The scrap tire collection will be Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney to adjourn. Motion carried.

---

Debera Denney, Athens Township Clerk

ATHENS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
ATHENS TOWNSHIP HALL

JULY 6, 2021

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

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

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to approve the minutes from the June meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The Road Commission will be rebrinning "O" Drive South, "R" Drive South and "W" Drive South.

Cory from the Road Commission said they wanted to wait a while for the rains to stop before they get started on the "O" Drive South project.

Ron VanHoughten stated that he should be finished this week in the Walker Cemetery. He is scrubbing the head stones. So far, he has spent \$468.84 on materials.

The cemetery looks amazing. See pictures attached. He should be able to start on the Old Berg Cemetery soon.

Bail said that the July Board of Review will be July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm. Robert was going to finish up the Village inspections this week.

Wart reported on the Fire Board meeting. See attached.

Goodrich stated that the Planning Commission didn't meet last month. He had 3 electrical permits, 1 mechanical permit and 1 building permit.

The library is doing a summer reading program. They do crafts and reading. They had 12 attend last week.

M Irons and Tuttle talked about getting the lamp posts fixed in the park by the library. We can use the parks grant monies. Maybe the Village crew could do it and bill the Township. Brunner will check with the Village Board next week.

M Irons reported on the Treasurer's report.

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

M Irons has companies that request our tax data base. We need to get a policy for FOIA's that will accommodate this. D Denney stated that she has FOIA requests for election items and the Attorney has stated that we need to get a policy written.

Tax collection started last Thursday.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$111, 619.63. Motion carried.

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

---

Debera Denney Athens Township Clerk

ATHENS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
ATHENS TOWNSHIP HALL

AUGUST 3, 2021

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, Trustee Cliff Denney, Treasurer Mike Irons, Assessor Marcia Bail, Zoning Administrator Phillip Goodrich, Library Director Missy Irons, Fire Chief Steve Wart, Deputy Fire Chief JR Brunner and Ron VanHouten.

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

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

S Irons reported that the road grader is back in the Township. They will be grading and bringing again on O Drive South, Q Drive South, W Drive South 2 Mile Road and R Drive South.

There will be a meeting with the Village and Drain Commissioner on August 16 at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be regarding the flooding in the southeast corner of the Village.

Bail reported that the July Board of Review went fine. Everything has been sent to the County.

Bail sent a letter to the State regarding Dennis Palmiter's PA116. This is regarding the legal description that was incorrect.

Wart reported on the fire board meeting. See attached.

The Planning Commission is finalizing and getting a meeting set up for wind energy. We need a resolution establishing fees and escrow policy. It was agreed by the Board to have Attorney Catherine Kaufman do this.

Goodrich had 3 building permits and 2 mechanical permits in July.

The original map and book that McKenna put together doesn't match.

The Board advised Goodrich to get with McKenna and get this straightened out.

Missy Irons reported on the Library. See attached. Madison Vosburg had been volunteering a couple days a week. It was agreed that she should be paid.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons that Madison Vosburg be paid for her work at the Library not to exceed 5 hours per week. Motion carried.

New members to the Library Board are Jeannie Goodrich, Amy Heath, and Hannah Klein.

S Irons stated that the Friends of the Greenfield House said thank you to the fire department for helping the kids collect money.

SCMCCI is concerned about the runoff from the back of the fire station. We are working on this. We would like to put a 2-ring dry well in between the building and the dumpster and put tile in as far as we can toward East Burr Oak. The cost for 2 rings would be \$3,500 and the stone and pipe would be extra. We would also like to put bumper posts along the west side of the building.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to fix the water issue by using a 2-ring drywell, stone and piping not to exceed \$8,000. Motion carried.

M Irons reported on the treasurer's report.

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

The Corona Virus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds must be used for certain things. There are a lot of regulations regarding this. The amount is \$159,000. M Irons will see about getting the application done and sent in.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$64,010.23. Motion carried.

Ron VanHouten stated that the Old Berg Cemetery is done. The North Athens Cemetery has been started; however, the bushes and trees need to be trimmed and/or taken out.

S Irons and Tuttle will go out and see what needs to be done.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney to adjourn. Motion carried.

---

Debera Denney, Clerk



**APPROVED**

ATHENS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
ATHENS TOWNSHIP HALL

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Trustee C Denney. Present were Clerk Deb Denney, Deputy Clerk Amy Heath, Trustee Steve Tuttle, Trustee Cliff Denney, Treasurer Mike Irons, Assessor Marcia Bail, Zoning Administrator Phillip Goodrich, Library Director Missy Irons, Fire Chief Steve Wart, Deputy Fire Chief JR Brunner, and Ron VanHouten. Supervisor Steve Irons was absent.

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

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

O Drive South from 2 Mile to almost the bridge is finished.

The Drain Commissioner met with the village and township committees. There is a district already established. The drain commission has the information and has maps from the County that show dry wells, but they were never finished.

Bail submitted the Tax Millage Rate Resolution.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to adopt the 2021 Tax Millage Rate Resolution dated this date stating, "Allocated .8832", "Library Spec Asmt .7000 proposed" (\$45,524), and "Fire Department Spec Asmt 2.8000 proposed" (182,095). Motion carried.

The public hearing for the Fire and Library Special Assessment will be held on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by M Irons 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to adopt the "Poverty Exemption" Resolution dated this date. Motion carried.

Letters will go out shortly regarding building permits.

Goodrich reported that the Wind Energy Ordinance public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Athens High School at 7:30 p.m.

Missy Irons submitted paperwork to receive the Hope Grant. The library was rewarded \$15,000. GREAT WORK MISSY.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to have the carpets cleaned at the township hall by Hawver Steamway, LLC. The cost will be \$483.00 for cleaning and \$216.00 for Scotchguard. Motion carried.

Ron VanHouten asked about getting the trees taken care of at the North Athens Cemetery. They are overgrown over gravestones, etc. S Irons and Tuttle went out to the cemetery after the August meeting, and they agree.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to pay Parks Tree Service \$8,500.00 to remove all the trees at the North Athens Cemetery. Motion carried.

M Irons reported on the treasurer's report. Revenue sharing was \$28,000 which is the highest Mike has ever seen.

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

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$51,684.37. Motion carried.

Ron VanHouten said that it took \$2,500 in labor and \$250 to \$350 in materials for the other cemeteries. The Stimpson Cemetery will probably double because of the number of head stones and the shape it is in.

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to pay a total of \$6,000.00 for the renovation of the Stimpson Cemetery to be completed in 2 years. Motion carried.

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

---

Debera Denney, Clerk

**APPROVED**

ATHENS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
ATHENS TOWNSHIP HALL

OCTOBER 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor S Irons. Present were Clerk Deb Denney, Deputy Clerk Amy Heath, Supervisor Steve Irons, Trustee Cliff Denney, Assessor Marcia Bail, Deputy Fire Chief JR Brunner, Lt. Nate Walker and Jan Mangold. Treasurer Mike Irons and Trustee Steve Tuttle were absent.

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

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cliff Denney to approve the minutes from the September board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The Road Commission is mowing the side roads.

"O" Drive South is not finished yet. It still needs gravel on the sides of the road.

Dan Green said that the County Engineer wants to call a meeting. We were never invited to one this month. It is supposed to be tomorrow. The County wants to know how much we want to spend on roads. Maybe they should ask us, not Dan.

The meeting with the Village, Township and County regarding drains has been postponed. The Drain Commissioner did find paperwork on the drain, the drywells are there but they are not tied together.

Bail reported that the letters went out for building permits. Robert will be doing some of them starting next week.

The residential ratio is 46.34% she has it as 39.31%. Brunner reported on the fire board meeting. See attached.

At the planning public hearing, the Tribe presented some things they would like to see happen.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$59,208.28. Motion carried.

Jan Mangold would like to be 1<sup>st</sup> on the list to have her road worked on. Her address is 3160 "2" Mile Road.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to adjourn. Motion carried.

---

Debera Denney, Clerk

# Approved

ATHENS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
ATHENS TOWNSHIP HALL

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

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

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

Motion by D Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney to approve the October minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Tuttle said that S Irons tried to get a hold of Cory from the Road Commission, but he has not heard anything back from him.

There was nothing to report on the drains.

M Irons stated that we need to consider changing attorneys.

Motion by S Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney that M Irons contact Attorney Katherine Kaufman to ask if she (or her firm) would represent us. He also will get a fee schedule and an engagement letter. Motion carried.

Marcia has most of the new construction permits done.

Wart reported on the fire board meeting. See attached.

It was agreed that Wart will check with Ron Riley to see what he recommends doing regarding the heat for the new addition of the fire bay.

The fire department personnel will seal the new concrete.

The new fire truck will be ready very shortly. Some of the men/women from the fire department will go to Colorado to check on it.

We need to adopt a fee schedule for fees charged to the public for items that the township charges for. We will table this until we get what the fee schedule needs to consist of from the attorney.

The planning commission also recommends that the township put a place holder ordinance in to prohibit anything with marijuana from happening until an ordinance can be made.

Motion by M Irons 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Tuttle to adopt the Place Holder Ordinance to prohibit anything with marijuana from happening until an ordinance is written. Motion carried.

The planning commission will hold a public hearing November 30 at 6:30 pm changing the Wind Turbine Map as it was not the current map showing the wetlands that was originally used.

We need to get the attorney involved on the Tribes development at 2548 S Drive South for an Open Space Community. There will be a public hearing on November 12 at 7:00 pm regarding this development.

Goodrich had 1 building permit for a new house at 2352 S Drive South.

The Drain Commissioner, Ron Smith, showed us that it may cost around \$200,000 to \$400,000 to put a drain in at the southeast corner of the Village. This would amount to \$4,300 per property owner over 10 years.

It was agreed to table the Petition for Maintenance and Improvement of a Drain in Athens Acres Plat-Henckel Drain until we get it in writing that we can withdraw if necessary.

M Irons reported on the treasurer's report.

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

Motion by S Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Irons to pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$42,867.26. Motion carried.

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

---

Debera Kay Denney, Clerk

# APPROVED

ATHENS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
ATHENS TOWNSHIP HALL

DECEMBER 7, 2021

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, Trustee Cliff Denney, Treasurer Mike Irons, Assessor Marcia Bail, Zoning Administrator Phillip Goodrich, Fire Chief Steve Wart, Deputy Fire Chief JR Brunner, Mike Neal, and Mr. & Mrs. Amaro.

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

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

The road commission is supposed to be scrapping our roads. Cory Albrek said it was too wet.

The end of O Drive South and Q Drive South are a wash board.

The road commission wants to know what we want to do for next year.

There is a possibility of finishing O Drive Southwest of the bridge to Q Drive South.

Bail reported that the December board of review will be next Tuesday at 6:30 for clerical errors. The data base will be sent to the State Tax Commission for assessment audit review.

Wart reported on the fire board meeting. See attached.

The fire department would like to put in a separate hot water heating unit for the new bay.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to let the fire department use the hot water heater for heat if its code compliant. This will be at the fire department's expense. Motion carried.

The planning commission has set a date of Thursday, February 10, 2021, at 7:00 for a public hearing regarding marijuana. This hearing will be held at the Athens High School.

Mr. & Mrs. Amaro were happy to hear that we are putting the marijuana issue back on the schedule.

The Planning Commission approved the new wind energy map at the public hearing on November 30, 2021. Now Goodrich will send the wind energy ordinance to the Calhoun County Planning Commission

Jason Palmiter, Eric Roe and Phillip Goodrich will be working on the zoning map and zoning ordinance book.

Goodrich had one building permit last month.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to adopt the Place Holder Ordinance to prohibit anything with marijuana from happening until an ordinance is written. Motion carried. (This is a duplicate motion from November since it was not advertised in time.)

M Irons is working on the fee schedule.

The library is closed this week due to illness; one librarian has covid.

The library can hire a person to do light maintenance, shoveling the sidewalk, changing light bulbs, etc. M Irons will check on the workers comp insurance to make sure this worker would be covered.

Regarding the issue of the drain, see the attached "Steps for A New Drain Petition."

The drain commissioner has the final say once the petition is signed even though he originally said we could opt out if we wanted to.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tuttle to have Catherine Kaufman be our Attorney of record along with her office. Motion carried. See engagement letter attached.

The new fire truck came in. FEMA's \$234,000.00 for this will be in our account tomorrow. We had to write a check for \$281,147.00 which is the balance of the truck before they would leave the truck.

M Irons reported on the treasurer's report.

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

Motion by Tuttle 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Denney to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$310,450.29. Motion carried.

Mike Neal was very unhappy with the hate crime graffiti at 3987 3 ½ Mile Road. It was explained that we have discussed the issues at this address at length and it is a civil matter. The property has been sold; the paperwork is with the title office at this time.

Motion by C Denney 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Denney to adjourn. Motion carried.

---

Debera Denney, Clerk