

Austinburg Township Meeting
June 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Brian O'Dell, Ted Seifert, Rob Lapuh, and Bill Wilms.

Res. 85-23 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Byron seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 86-23 John moved to pay the bills; Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$63,736.53 and receipts were \$52,087.59.

In terms of correspondence we received a thank you note from the Les Lane Family for the use of the Townhall for his funeral luncheon. We received a letter from the Ashtabula County Prosecutors office that there has been a change made by the County Commissioners. The change is all county contracts, agreements or memoranda of understanding over \$1,000 in value must be submitted to the Prosecutors office for review and approval prior to the execution of the contracts. We received a letter from the County Commissioners that they have adopted on May 23, 2023 a \$5 Motor Vehicle License Tax for Ashtabula County. We have received several emails and phone calls on regards to the Stakeholder Meeting for Appalachian Community Grant Program.

The Fiscal Officer reported that starting the June payroll that the roadman salaries will be coming out of the American Rescue Plan. The Fiscal Officer requested that if there are any major purchases for this year or next year to let her know because we need to get the budget for next year submitted to the County Commissioners.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that Victory Honda requested a lot split because Toyota won't allow two dealerships on the same lot. Rob was subpoenaed to court for the fence issue between neighbors on Route 45.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that there will be two new firemen taking the 240 class.

John reported on the new State bid procedure. Clean Up Day fees for refrigerators and air conditioners were \$208 on top of the regular cost of hauling them away. John spoke with MC Lawncare about the condition of the park during Memorial Day and the fact it wasn't weed whipped. John is concerned because people are using our Township dumpsters for their personal garbage. Resident Bill Dunbar reached out to the Trustees about a tree in the park which is on his property as well as on the parks property that needs to be removed.

Res. 87-23 John moved to have Brobst remove the dead Ash Tree in conjunction with Bill Dunbar's trim job on the same tree, Pete seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Byron reported on the Nickel Carnival on June 10th at Shannon's Store 10:00 to 2:00. There is a NAD meeting Tuesday June 6 and Zoning Wednesday June 7.

Pete said he was still waiting on Old Fashion Fence to the fence in the park. The painting and the resurfacing the flooring in the Townhall is good to go.

Cemetery Sexton Bill Wilms said he spoke with Haines Memorial and gave her Pete's number because she had concerns on the new pricing for residents and nonresidents.

Resident Ted Seifert had some concerns/questions for the Zoning Administrator as to what was going on with the old Stuff Toy building and Mr. C's.

Res. 88-23 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm, Bryon seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

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Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer

Pete Haase, Chairman