Austinburg Township Meeting
July 17, 2023

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

Res. 98-23 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 99-23 John moved to pay the bills; Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were $144,489.78 and receipts were $1,383.28.

In terms of correspondence we received a thank you letter from the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival. We received the results from the OTARMA Risk Control Visit.

The Fiscal Officer reported the proposed budget for 2024 was ready to be sent to the County Commissioner.

Res.100-23 John moved to accept the 2024 proposed budget for 2024, Pete seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The Fiscal Officer reported that it was time to renew our Special Assessments for 2023.

Res. 101-23 John moved to keep the Township special assessments in regards to our street lights, project numbers #21-026, #21-027, and #21-083 at the current rate, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that he received payment for the work being done at Pilot. Rob wrote three verification letters for parcels in the Township. Rob has a call out to the owners at Mr. C's to get the vegetation cleaned up again.

Fire Dept Chief Bill Wilms reported that fire truck 501 and 503 will be going for pump test. There are 2 people currently taking fire classes. Bill reported that the AED is expired and needs to be replaced.

Road Dept no report.

John asked if we got the credit app back from Cashen and the Fiscal Officer reported we are good to go for the park. Tree Tyme nursery has changed hands so we will be doing a new credit app for them. Byron reported that there will be a special zoning meeting on July 26. The meeting is to go over all the changes so they can be voted on and approved. Then they can be sent to the County for their approval. Byron will be on vacation from August 1st to 20th. There was a NAD meeting in July with lots of discussion on the West Nile disease. Pete will go to the NAD meeting in August because Byron will be out of town. Byron will check with NAD to see about getting 3 AED because 2 are expired and another 1 for the Township garage. Pete will attend the Zoning meeting on Aug. 2. Byron received a call from Coles in regards to erosion where the ditching was done. Byron asked how we are finding out about the new Bed and Breakfasts in our Township. With our new bed tax agreement with the County they are the ones on the look out for new establishments. Pete was approached again about people speeding through town. Pete will reach out again to the State Highway Patrol about getting their speed sign trailer. Pete has been in touch with the County in regards to cutting the brush back on Lampson Road and Mechanicsville Road. Pete reported the floor person has started working today on the Townhall.

Resident Ted Seifert asked what the zoning changes were. The changes are building height, sign height and some other misc. items. Ted asked if it was determined whose responsibility it is for fixing ditch piping that was put in by the Township. Ted

asked if someone could look at the ditch line by Lampson Road heading back to the baseball field; the drain is sinking down. Ted asked what the zoning rules were for campers on properties as far as people using them as a residence. The property in question is where the people are building a home and they stay there on the weekends. Owen Stone said he was interested in the part-time Road Dept job. Owen will turn in a resume.

Res. 102-23 Pete moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm, John seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer

Pete Haase, Chairman