

Austinburg Township Meeting
August 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Nelson Hejduk, Ginny Seifert, Ted Seifert, Owen Stone, Mike Petro, and Rob Lapuh.

Res. 107-23 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded.

The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 108-23 Pete moved to pay the bills; John seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$14,091.32 and receipts were \$224,358.93.

In terms of correspondence we received from the Ashtabula County Combined Health District Advisory Council. They are having a special meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2023, and is scheduled to begin at 7:00 P.M. in the basement meeting room of the Ashtabula County Health Department. Need to know who will be attending the meeting. We received an email from FirstEnergy in regards to a Community Tree Program.

Pete Haase will go as the representative for the Township for the Health Dept meeting.

The Fiscal Officer reported on the Certification of Estimated Resources sent back from the Budget Commission for Jan. 1, 2024.

Res. 109-23 John moved to certify the Certification of Estimated Resources for 2024, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The Fiscal Officer reported on the OTRMA Risk Assessment. The assessment will be broken down and divided up to get the items cleaned up.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh has issued a few permits and one for a new residence on Idlewood.

Fire Chief no report.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Mike Petro reported on the elevator. The elevator broke down again and there seems to be an issue with the weight the elevator can handle. Byron suggested we investigate the ACBDD Accessibility Grant that is being offered though the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Mike also reported on the OPWC dirt work on Forman Road. The stone has been ordered so we should be getting close to wrapping up that job. Mike said the loader needs some work done on it. Once it is done being used on the Forman Road project it will be put up for work/maintenance so it is ready for winter.

John reported that the shed has been moved to the park. The current cost on the concrete pad that was laid for the shed in the park is \$1,022.77. John asked if Rob reached out to Dan Gildersleeve. Rob said Dan has checked the electrical and is working on some repairs. Rob will remind Dan Gildersleeve that the trailers will start coming in Thursday night for set up. John asked about where we are at on the TIF paperwork. The Fiscal Officer reported they just sent us an email with a check list of what we need to do. John reported on the State mandate that all property tax will go up 32%. Byron reported that he spoke with NAD and the cost of 3 new AED's would cost roughly \$5,000 to replace. Byron reported he sold his 5 acres to Hampton Inn on the North side of Clay St. They will be putting in a Hilton. Byron said he spoke with Tom from the Engineers Office and he suggested that when we are working on an OPWC project to maybe ask for ½ of the money when working on the project. Pete had a couple of bids for a generator for the Township garage on Route 45. We will look to use the NOPEC grant to help pay for the generator. Pete brought up the need to purchase a new/used wood chipper.

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The Trustees will send an inquiry to the Prosecutor on what the procedure is on purchasing used equipment.

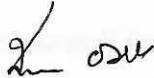
Resident Nelson Hejduk thanked the Trustees for the updates to the Townhall. The only issue is that Nelson is having a hard time finding and keeping the boots on the chairs. Nelson will look around to see if there is a different end that can be put on the chairs. The Trustees also approved Nelson to go to Central Hardware in Geneva to purchase a new shop vac for the Townhall because the old one broke. Owen Stone questioned where the Trustees are at as far as hiring a part-time road department person.

Res. 110-23 John moved to go into executive session at 8:22 pm to discuss personnel issue, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 111-23 John moved to come out of executive session at 8:39 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

No business was discussed.

Res. 112-23 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman