Austinburg Township Mins
October 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Bill Wilms, Brian O'Dell, Ted Seifert, John Luban, Mike Petro, Shawn Shannon, Jacklyn Krysa and Rob Lapuh.

Res. 129-23 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Byron seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 130-23 John moved to pay the bills; Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were $22,785.80 and receipts were $964.32.

In terms of correspondence we received an email from the Ashtabula County Township Assoc. that their meeting is Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner meeting at 7:00 pm at the Ashtabula County Engineer's Office. We received an email from NOPEC the 2023 NOPEC General Assembly meeting will be held at 10:30 am on November 14th in Twinsburg. We received an email from County Commissioner Ducro about Ann Stranman, the newly hired Outreach Specialist at Community Action. Her job is to help people get internet and to try and get them the best price.

The Fiscal Officer reported that Burnham and Flower has sent out quotes to see what other options there are for us for medical insurance. The Fiscal Officer reminded the Trustees that there is the MORE grant through OTRMA that we could use for repairs to the AEDs. The Fiscal Officer reported that we didn't meet the agreement to ask for the $67,000 back from the OPWC grant for Forman Road dirt work.

Res. 131-23 John moved to go ahead and put in the request for $61,000 back for the OPWC grant for the Forman Road dirt project, Pete seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported on a new accessory structure on Forman Road.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the Fire Dept did Fire Prevention at Austinburg Elem and that the annual SCBA testing is coming due.

R&B no report.

John reported on the getting rid of the old tires. The tires must be off the rims.

Res. 132-23 John moved to take our old tires to Dresmith Tire Disposal in Rock Creek for disposal, Pete seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

John reported on salt for this year. Arms Trucking emailed that bulk salt went up $1.25 from last year. We are waiting to hear from a couple of other vendors before looking at Ice Grits.

Res. 133-23 John moved to go with Arms Trucking Co for bulk salt for $88.25 a ton delivered to the Road Dept, Pete seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Byron reported that the elevator has been looked at and the company that looked at it said it was in good shape. There is a piece of wood that needs shaved down to help the lock better fit. They also said to move the breaker from its current location to another spot to make it easier to get to. Once a month road department employee John Luban will stop and check the elevator while doing the check on the Township road signs. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. The residents still want to have the city water line put in from Clay St to the 90 overpass. This would make it possible to put in 2 new fire hydrants which would cost the Township around $9,000 for the hydrants. Bryon reported that the Trustees need to set a public hearing.

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Res. 134-23 John moved to have the Zoning Public Hearing on Nov. 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Pete seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Pete is working on getting an electrician to hook up the new generator at the road department plus look at moving the breaker for the elevator. Pete reported on the OPWC grant for Round 38 the Forman Road paving project.

Res. 135-23 Pete moved to apply for the OPWC grant for Round 38 for the Forman Road paving project, John seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Resident Jacklyn Krysa was questioning the amount of time needed for notice of a public hearing. Byron will type up an email in regards to the public hearing notice so the Fiscal Officer will put in the Matrix for the County Prosecutor. Jacklyn questioned what the water line repair was for. The repair is to make a loop with water lines so if something should happen they can isolate the problem and keep water flowing to the rest of the town. Jacklyn questioned where the Township is on getting a new webmaster to handle putting the zoning minutes on the web. Jacklyn also discussed different insurance options. The Trustees are looking for someone. Jacklyn asked if someone could put the information of the public hearing on the board in front of the Townhall. Brian O'Dell will do that. Shawn Shannon asked about using the Townhall to hold a dinner for the Geneva High School football team dinner because they had such a successful season. The Trustees told Shawn to contact Cindy Hejduk to see what days are available and that there will be no charge for the use of the hall. Byron will check to see if the Townhall is available to be open for Trick or Treat on Tuesday Oct. 31.

Res. 136-23 John moved to go into executive session at 8:15 pm to discuss personnel issue, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 137-23 Pete moved to come out of executive session at 8:47 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

No business was discussed.

Res. 138-23 Pete moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer

Pete Haase, Chairman