

Austinburg Township Mins
December 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:34 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh, Jackson Wilms, Ted Seifert, Todd Dutton, Mike Petro and Brian O'Dell.

Fire Dependency Board was called to order by Secretary Ted Seifert at 7:30 pm. Present for the meeting was Todd Dutton, Jackson Wilms and Rob Lupah. Trustee Pete Haase was the representative for the Trustees. Ted Seifert reported that to his knowledge there were no cases to report and all is in order. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Pete Haase and seconded by Rob Lupah at 7:35 pm all in favor to close the meeting.

Res. 159-23 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 160-23 John moved to pay the bills, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$52,396.50 and receipts were \$1,698.21.

In terms of correspondence we received a letter from ZITO communications about the rates and services. We received a letter from NOPEC that it is time to fill out the Community Event Sponsorship grant.

The Fiscal Officer reported that because of the new tax valuations the bond for fire truck 503 will show a decrease on the Township Residents property tax. John said as a reminder when we get closer to the payoff of the bond to make sure we pay it off through our Township funds which will be in 4 years. The Fiscal Officer presented Temporary Appropriations to the Board of Trustees in the amount of \$915,550.00 for 2024.

Res. 161-23 Pete moved to accept the temporary appropriations for 2024, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The Fiscal Officer went over the Township meetings in January. They will be Tuesday, January 2, 2024 and Tuesday, January 16, 2024 because of holidays.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that the garbage issue in regards to the residence on Route 45 has been cleaned up.

Fire Dept. no report.

Road Supervisor Mike Petro was in attendance nothing to report currently.

John said he had found a person to build us a new website. Our current website is in word press and that is why some phones/computers can't link up to our web site. His name is Gary Gersin and he will build us a new website and maintain it. Andy Tetlow will work with Gary Gersin to help get him started.

Res. 162-23 John moved to hire Gary Gersin to build the new website for \$200 and \$100 a month to update and maintain it, Byron seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

John went over last year's cell phone stipends of \$600 that went to Mike Petro and Bill Wilms. He would like to add John Luban who is also a road worker to the cell phone stipend.

Res. 163-23 John moved to give Mike Petro, Bill Wilms and John Luban a \$600 cell phone stipend for their use of their personal cells during working hours, Byron seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Byron reported on the water line going in on North Pelton. The Townships only cost will be the two new fire hydrants that will be on that new line. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. Byron said he was still getting complaints about a possible crushed ditch tile along Industrial Park drive. It was decided that next year the Township will look to

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maybe send a camera in the pipe to see if and where it is broken. Pete went over the quotes he had for hooking up the back up generator at the Road Department garage.

Res. 164-23 Pete moved to go with Titan Electric for hooking up the generator and other miscellaneous electrical work at the Road Department garage for \$2,135, John seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal, aye.

The residents had no comments.

Res. 165-23 John moved to go into executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss personnel issue, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal, aye.

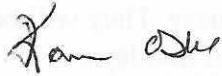
Res. 166-23 Pete moved to come out of executive session at 8:18 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal, aye.

After the executive session the Trustees went back into the public meeting to go over what was discussed.

Res. 167-23 John moved to give Mike Petro, Bill Wilms and John Luban all a \$0.50 wage increase per hour starting on January 8, 2024, Byron seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal, aye.

Res. 168-23 John moved to give Rob Lapuh Zoning Administrator a \$25.00 a month increase so his new wage will be \$825.00 a month and Cindy Hejduk Townhall caretaker a \$25.00 a month increase so her new wage will be \$275.00 a month both going into effect January 1, 2024, Byron seconded. The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal, aye.

Res. 169-23 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman