

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held April 16, 2007

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held April 16, 2007 was called to order by Chair Lynn Frank. Trustees Burke, and Spade were present. Audience present were Gary Gribbons, Bob Clark, Connie Coons, Ginny Seifert, Winnie Cerbin, Mike Schaab, John Kusar, Diane Mongenel, and Byron Dutton. Lynn stated she would not take comments from the audience until the audience portion of the meeting. Mike Schaab said he objected to this policy. He stated residents taking the time to attend trustee meetings should be heard during discussion on issues prior to trustees voting. Lynn read from the OTA clerk sourcebook which states citizens have a right to be heard but not to run the meeting. Mike said he is not asking to run the meeting, just be heard before a vote is taken on issues. He asked if the ORC forbids residents from speaking during the discussion of an issue. Lynn stated the meetings are trustee meetings, not citizens'.

Res. 682-07 Janie moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jerry seconded. The roll; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 683-07 Jerry moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Janie seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Frank, aye.

Receipts were \$487.24 plus \$390.00 turned in from Zoning. Bills totaled \$40,864.77.

Janie stated fund balances are \$894,762.90.

Barb reported back on the issue of township funds being used for refreshments at the ACTA meeting Austinburg is hosting. She cited Attorney General opinion 82-006 that states use of public funds must meet two criteria. 1) Must provide for the general good of all inhabitants, and 2) The primary objection is furthering public purpose even if incidental private end is attained. The fiscal officer said she is not too sure the refreshments would meet these criteria. Lynn and Janie said the meeting is open to the public. Lynn said it was announced in the newsletter. Barb said then perhaps we could purchase the refreshments since the meeting is open to residents.

Jerry reported he stopped in to see Tim Martin about Mr. Heath's ditch. Tim was not in so Jerry will stop again tomorrow.

Jerry discussed the crushed concrete from Delta Railroad. He said we received the cheapest price, and only the 304 crushed concrete is left.

Janie reported she spoke with Leroy McNeilly about the letter we received from GRA about the crosswalk. Leroy and Tim Martin are hesitant to add two more inches to the raised crosswalk. They stated the road would not be wide enough for the pedestrian signs. Janie stated we are allowed to lower the speed limit to 25mph and 20mph during school hours. Leroy will send information about bumper markers for the area.

Janie said the township can insert 0 dollars in the lease with solid waste on the recycling contract. She will get the contract filled out and sent in.

Janie reported on NAD and stated the next meeting is May 2, at 6:00pm. Austinburg received the 2006 100% award for safety from the BWC.

Janie met with Mike Schaab at the township park to see where a pole is needed to support wiring for Country Days.

Res. 684-07 Jerry moved to install a pole for Austinburg Country Days wiring. Janie seconded the motion and opened for discussion. Janie stated she would like to add that the pole can be moved or removed if something does not work out. Mike Schaab stated the pole would need to be a minimum of 20 feet. It needs to be 16 feet in the air, and 4 feet below ground. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Frank, aye.

Discussion was held on the crushed stone. Jerry said the price may be going up to \$10.00 per ton. He would like to see Pete haul in as much as possible while it is still available.

Lynn said she took the zoning changes on lot width to the County Recorder.

The newsletter is done, and will be mailed tomorrow. Lynn said she would like to do some research on other printers

Lynn said she will see Larry Meaney Wednesday and will ask him what will happen if anything, to our storm sewers when the sewer lines go in.

The fiscal officer asked Lynn to check when she sees Larry, if the township can get some type of break on sewer charges. The fire department fills their tankers and residents use the outside faucet on the fire hall. Since sewer charges are based on water consumption, perhaps the township could get a separate meter or a discount of some kind. Lynn said she will ask

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Larry about this.

Lynn reported on the ODOT STIP meeting she attended. Information on future projects is available in the town hall.

In audience participation, John Kusar inquired about the crushed concrete from Delta Railroad. He stated it would be good, if when the stone is picked up it could be taken to Mill Creek Rd. to be used for the road repairs needed there. John asked if the County Engineer had been contacted about that repair. Jerry said the County Engineer has been contacted and has recommended using about 800 - 900 tons. It should be 18 inches deep at the lowest point, and will be 20feet wide.

Byron Dutton asked if the culvert under his road is planned for replacement this year. Jerry stated we are planning on it. Byron said he can get a dozer to help cut the knoll off. John said he would donate his big tractor with a ripper if it is needed for that work.

Connie Coons said she had spoken to Al Dispenza and he asked if, when the township is ready to address comprehensive planning, would we still consider his corridor plan. Connie said someone from Ohio State is helping Jefferson Twp. with their planning. Ted Seifert stated the May meeting of the ACTA will have someone from Ohio State to discuss planning.

Jerry stated Tom Flanigan from Southeastern Equipment will bring a Case grader to the road garage for us to see. It will be there on Tuesday at 10:00am.

Res.685-07 Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. The meeting ended at 8:25pm.

Barbara Schwarz
Jerry Freund
Janie Seifert