

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

AUSTINBURG TOWNSHIP

Meeting

Held JUNE 4

2007

The June 4, 2007 meeting of Austinburg Twp. was called to order at 7:30pm. Present were all trustees, Ginny and Ted Seifert, Dave Long, John A. Kusar, David and Marcie Turk, Connie Coons, Byron Dutton, Sheila Arth, and D. Armington.

Janie corrected the minutes from the previous meeting stating she had requested Jerry consult with the County Prosecutor regarding access to private property to retrieve dirt that has been offered to the township, and perform work in exchange for the dirt.

Res. 705-07 Jerry moved to approve the minutes from the prior meeting. Janie seconded with the above correction noted. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Frank, aye.

Res. 706-07 Janie moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts were \$21,515.68. Bills were \$50,893.86.

The fiscal officer reported on the renewal notice from The Frank Gates Co., our Workers' Comp administrator. The renewal premium will be \$1,139.00, and our group saving is \$7,119.00.

Res. 707-07 Jerry moved to stay with the Frank Gates Co. Lynn seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Frank, aye.

Res. 708-07 Lynn moved to receive the State Records Retention Schedule provided to the board by the fiscal officer. It will be discussed next meeting. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Frank, aye.

The Public Hearing for the fiscal year 2008 budget will be held July 2, 2007 at 7:00pm.

The fiscal officer reported on the TPA contract from Arcadia. She stated the County Prosecutor, after reviewing the contract, said the township may not enter into the contract due to indemnification clauses contained in the contract. Discussion was held on ways to reimburse the deductibles to HRA plan participants. Janie said she has spoken to the Prosecutor's office and was informed the HRA is legal for the township to do. Jerry said he would like to go back to the old health care plan we had previously, and feels the HRA is a mistake. He asked Lynn's opinion, and Lynn said she is afraid going back to the old plan would create another snarl. Barb said if the board opted to go back to the old plan, we could do so. It would take affect the first of the month following the month the board made the change. Barb will call Medical Mutual and see if they administer the payment of deductibles. If so, she will notify the board.

Jerry reported the road dept. was going to do MC70 on Forman Rd., then apply CRS2.

Jerry asked if we have received a check for scrap collected on clean up day. We have not. Janie said she will call Russ Nank.

Jerry stated he had spoken with Tim Martin about the dirt on the Mill Creek resident's property offered to the township. Discussion was held on accessing private property, work to be performed there, and legal liability to the township. Lynn read from a letter from Tom Sartini dealing with access to private property for the benefit of a township road. Jerry will pursue this issue further.

Janie reported the next NAD meeting will be June 6, 2007 at the NAD building.

Lynn stated she had received zoning materials back from Jeanette Guris, who resigned as zoning secretary. No letter of resignation has come in yet. The board's second choice, Renee Dibble is interested in the position. She is to contact the fiscal officer.

Res. 709-07 Lynn moved to accept Jeanette Guris' resignation as zoning secretary. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Frank, aye.

Lynn said she is going to forward her questions on the Corridor Plan to Al Dispenza.

Lynn stated the Memorial Day service went well. She has sent a letter to the Sheriff Dept. regarding enforcement of the No Parking on Sidley Ct.

Discussion was held on the combined job description for the position of Roadman/Cemetery Sexton Lynn revised and submitted previously for review.

Res. 710-07 Jerry moved to accept the job description for Roadman/Cemetery Sexton. Lynn seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Frank, aye. Burke, aye.

Lynn reported on materials she received from Becky Carter regarding SB 117, dealing with franchise agreements by cable companies

Res. 711-07 Lynn moved to support the efforts of the Ohio Township Association in their efforts to get some of the aspects of this bill changed, to remain fair to townships. Jerry

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seconded. The roll call vote; Frank, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Lynn is still looking into information on community planning from CSU. Miami U also offers this service, and she will check into it and report to the board.

In audience participation, Ginny Seifert reported on a tour of the town hall students and some adults had taken. They found the pictures and information interesting.

Dave Long stated he did not know why it took so long for the board to make a decision on the insurance and roadman/cemetery sexton position.

John Kusar stated that it might be helpful to go through the Attorney General's office to expedite opinions out of the county Prosecutor's office.

Byron Dutton asked if anything had been done with a park committee. Janie responded she is looking into park playground equipment and hopes to arrange for a representative from the equipment company to attend one of the meetings.

Byron asked what happened with the indigent burial issue. Janie stated County Prosecutor Tom Sartini had instructed the township to hang tight and he will check into it further.

Byron inquired about the sewer charges, tie in fees and assessments.

Connie Coons asked how far the sewer will come on Rt. 307 E. It will stop at Chestnut St.

Res. 712-07 Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded. The meeting ended at approximately 8:45pm.

Barbara Schaub