

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held May 5,

2008

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held May 5, 2008 was called to order at 7:30pm with the pledge. Trustees Burke, Kusar, and Spade were present. Audience present were Byron Dutton II, Joe Bocchi, Marcie and Dave Turk, Diane Mongenel, Nelson Hejduk Marcy Hejduk, and Molly Smith.

Janie stated that she would like to correct the Lencl mowing bid in the previous minutes. It should read \$38,400.00. Also she said she wanted to add her statement that Pete, as road supervisor, should be correlated with in getting prices on ditch work.

Res. 943-08 With the above additions, Janie moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. John seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 944-08 John moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Bills totaled \$32,277.73. Receipts totaled \$11,803.55.

In correspondence, Barb gave the trustees six applications for review for the part time position for which he township advertised.

Rapid Communications sent notice that certain digital channel services will no longer be available after 5/31/08.

The Ashtabula County Water System sent the 2007 water quality report.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report. A copy is available for review in the office files.

John Kusar reported he had spoken to Mr. Whipple from the Ashtabula Co. Vo-Ed school. He said they would need a letter of request for them to view the mausoleum building as a possible project.

John contacted Mr. Sartini's office to inquire about the status of our requests for opinions.

John said Ted Seifert has received the third proposal on comprehensive planning. John would like to set up a joint meeting with the Zoning Commission and trustees. He will speak with Ted about it.

John reported Capri Cafaro's office contacted him and informed him there is no money available from the Sate Capital Budget for the sewer project. They may now go to Public Works for funding. This may work with backing from Governor Strickland. Senator Cafaro will be in Austinburg one Saturday in July for a town meeting. Janie added the OTA could help sponsor a bill.

John said the board has discussed cutting the berms down, and suggested the possibility of working four Saturdays for the road crew to do that. Jerry will discuss the idea with Pete. Jerry said it is \$25.00 per hour to rent the county berm machine. Byron Dutton discussed the berm cutter that Rome Twp. purchased.

Janie discussed the Ohio Fire Chief's Conference that Bill Wilms would like to attend.

Res. 945-08 Janie moved that the township pay the \$220.00 conference fee for Chief Bill Wilms per the travel policy. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Janie said the president declared a snow emergency for Ashtabula County as a result of the March 7-9 snow event. There is a meeting on emergency funding on Friday May 9 at 8:30am in the Commissioners' meeting room.

Janie reported the NAD meeting is Wed., May 7 at 6:00pm.

Janie stated the copier is not making copies on both sides of paper. She will follow up with Ashtabula Office Equipment.

Jerry got the engineer estimates on River Glen, College, and Campus St. A copy is available in the file. The engineer stated it would be advisable to do our own work on cemetery driveways.

Jerry reported getting a track hoe to do our ditches will run between \$90.00- \$125.00 per hour. Jerry discussed berm tiling, plowing in the tile, and putting gravel in at the same time. He said he has a gentleman that will contact him later this week to look at the township.

Jerry said he spoke with Mark Jones and Orville Seeley about the tree on Mrs. Lindburgh's property. He has not heard back from them yet.

Janie said the prior discussion on that was, they were going to cut back the high tops, then the township would work on those trees and three others. Jerry said he will report back to the board when he hears anything from Mr. Jones or Mr. Seeley.

Jerry said regarding the issue with Mark Caloway's fence, Jerry spoke with Tim Martin,

*Paul Janie  
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as needed*

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County Engineer. Tim indicated Mark could place his fence along the road right of way. Janie said she would like Tim to put that in writing. Jerry stated Tim would not put it in writing. John said he will be calling Tom Sartini about our opinion requests, and he will ask him about this issue.

Jerry said he spoke with Larry Meaney about a water source for public use at the water tower, and Mr. Meaney will check on that.

Jerry said he is still working on equipment storage buildings.

Jerry said Shad from Russell Standard looked at River Glen where the CRS-2 is not holding. He came up with a proposal that the township pay the price difference on the CRS-2 from 2007 to 2008, and they will possibly do the road over. He needed to bring this plan to his company, and will get back to the township.

Jerry said he spoke to Tim Martin about OPWC. Tim said if we keep a project to \$100,000.00 at a 50% match, we could do the initial paperwork and know by summer if we qualify for funds. Discussion was held on an area for submission as our project.

Res. 946-08 Jerry moved to have the fiscal officer fill out the paperwork for OPWC funding, specifying Forman Rd. from Clay St. to Route 307. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Jerry read the names of the six applicants for the part time position. The trustees will have a work session on May 12 at 7:00pm for interviews. Jerry will contact them and set up 15 minute time slots for interviews.

Janie announced the park committee is meeting on May 14 at 6:30 in the town hall office. Everyone is welcome.

In audience participation, Joe Bocchi discussed the emergency funding meeting on May 9. He also inquired about the fire dept., if they are a paid dept. and who is the current fire chief.

Diane Mongenel congratulated Byron Dutton on his appointment to the ZBA. Diane asked if zoning members had submitted applications to attend seminars.

Marcy Hejduk discussed a request her mom received from someone wanting to rent the town hall for a gambling event. Jerry stated nothing had been decided on that yet. He said Shawn Shannon was checking on legal issues with George Distel. Jerry said he would like Shawn to attend a trustees meeting when he has all his answers.

Res. 947-08 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded and meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

*Jerry Burke*

*Janie Spade*

*Barbara Schaub*