

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held February 2,

2009

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held February 2, 2009 was called to order at 7:30pm with the pledge. Trustees Burke, Kusar, and Spade were present. Audience present were Ted, Ginny Seifert, Mike Petro, Cher Gilson, Winnie Cerbin, Nelson Hejduk, Sarah Masek, Lynn Frank, Brent Carrick, Lorna Masek, Bill Wilms, Jim Heath, Ernie Krysa, Joe Hejduk, and Jackie Krysa.

Res. 1094-09 Janie moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. John seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 1095-09 John moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Janie seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

The fiscal officer reported receipts totaled \$6,810.90. Bills totaled \$16,164.08.

Res. 1096-09 Jerry moved to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 into the Zoning fund as requested by the fiscal officer. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 1097-09 Janie moved to accept the Certificate of Estimated Resources received from the County Auditor. Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

In correspondence, a copy of an application for tax abatement for RTS Co. was received.

The FEMA flood maps ordered by the township have been received.

A letter from Ducro Funeral Services asking for \$750.00 in indigent burial assistance was sent by J.P. Ducro.

Res. 1098-09 Janie moved to remit the \$750.00 to Ducro Funeral Services as per ORC, for an indigent burial. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Jerry explained the FEMA maps received by the township and why they were requested.

Road Supervisor Mike Petro gave a road report. The crew has been mainly plowing snow. It is time he stated, to begin looking at a roadside mower if the township needs to purchase one as has been discussed. Also a flail mower might be needed. A snow shield is needed for the new one ton truck.

Bill Wilms reported on the fire dept., indicating the dept. would like to increase their allowance from \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00, to cover the expenses reimbursed to firemen responding to calls.

Res. 1099-09 Janie moved to increase the fire dept. allowance to \$8,000.00. John seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

John Beninato gave his zoning report. He stated he will be submitting a proposal for a new zoning fee structure. He has received quotes for the magnetic vehicle signs requested.

Res. 1100-09 Jerry moved John purchase the signs from Northeast Signs and Graphics at \$60.00 for his vehicle. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

John Kusar reported he has sent a letter to Catherine Colgan regarding motorcycle noise.

John addressed the zoning appointments needed. Janie said the appointments need to be made, and stated she has a letter from ZBA Chairman Susan Avsec, that Sue requested be read into the proceedings. Jerry stated the fiscal officer would read the letter. A copy is available in the township files. The letter addressed problems Susan stated the ZBA has encountered, as well as what she feels zoning should look at for the benefit of the township.

Discussion was held on which terms are expired on the zoning boards, and where vacancies exist on the boards.

Janie moved to re-appoint Ted Seifert to the Zoning Commission, and Ernie Krysa to the ZBA. John said he would second the appointment of Ernie Krysa, but would not second Ted Seifert's appointment. Janie inquired why. Discussion was held, and John felt Mr. Seifert should not be appointed. Janie stated she would split her motion, and address the appointments individually.

Res. 1101-09 Janie then moved to re-appoint Ernie Krysa to the ZBA. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 1102-09 Janie moved to re-appoint Ted Seifert to the Zoning Commission. Much discussion was held on those for, as well as against Ted's re-appointment. Audience speaking on the issue were Jackie Krysa, Joe Hejduk, Lynn Frank, Brent Carrick, and Tod Mogren. Lorna Masek asked if more than seven members may be assigned. John Beninato stated the text indicates there is to be five board members, and the state allows the appointment of two alternates to each board, which the township does. Jerry said he would second Janie's

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motion, only if Ted Seifert was re-appointed as an alternate. Diane Mongenel wants to hold second alternate position, Ted would be first alternate. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, no. Burke, aye.

Res. 1103-09 Jerry moved that Michael Schaab be appointed to the vacancy on the Zoning Commission. John seconded. The roll call vote; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1104-09 John moved to place Cher Gilson on the ZBA as second alternate. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Janie reported the NAD meeting will be February 4, at 6:00pm at the NAD building.

Tod Mogren asked why checks have been sent to zoning board members to cover expenses. John explained the trustees discussed this, it is being done in other townships, and the trustees adopted this procedure. Tod stated he felt it is not right, the board members are volunteers. The fiscal officer added the money is only to reimburse expenses incurred. John Beninato stated the ORC allows the reimbursement.

Jerry said he will be receiving a quote from Carter Lumber on doors for the fire hall, and will report later.

Jerry stated he had spoken with Dave Smith of the County Building Dept. regarding the ceiling in the road garage that has been discussed. Dave stated that the County Engineer could come up with ideas for this. Jerry said Tim Martin is going to draw up three proposals for the ceiling in the garage.

Jerry said our OPWC project application was not accepted in the first round, but will be considered in the next round. If the township wants to extend work on Forman Rd. past the area contained in the first application, we need to fill out another application to submit.

Zeigler Heating checked the furnaces and will work up a quote for new furnaces.

Jerry said he will follow up on a sign that could be placed in front of the town hall to be used for announcing township meetings.

In audience participation, Nelson Hejduk addressed the sewer easements.

Lorna Masek inquired if snowmobiles are permitted on roads. The Sheriff dept. would govern this.

Ernie Krysa thanked the trustees for her appointment to the ZBA.

Joe Hejduk asked if he could get copies of portions of the FEMA maps. He also asked if money will be placed in escrow to take care of problems with the sewer project. The County would address this question.

Jackie Krysa addressed the issue of trustees possibly rotating their attendance at zoning meetings. Jerry stated he believes a trustee may attend as liaison or citizen, but cannot come with input to influence zoning decisions made by the zoning boards.

Res. 1105-09 Jerry moved the Board of Trustees has no comments on the RTS tax abatement request at this time. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1106-09 Jerry moved to adjourn at 9:30pm. Janie seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Gerald Burke

Chairman of Board

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