

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held November 2,

2009

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held November 2, 2009 was called to order at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees Burke, Kusar, Spade, Ginny Seifert, Winnie Cerbin, Chery'ol Gilson, Byron Dutton II, Ted Seifert, Lorna Masek, Nelson Hejduk, and Bill Wilms were in attendance.

Res. 1247-09 Janie moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. John seconded. The roll call vote; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1248-09 John moved to pay the bills. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Receipts totaled \$19,537.33. Bills totaled \$24,216.16.

Res. 1249-09 John moved to allow a transfer of funds requested by the fiscal officer in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the General fund to the Cemetery fund. Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

In correspondence, a letter was received from BWC regarding premium discounts resulting from case deductibles applied. The trustees asked Barb to check on this with Lori Gruber of the BWC, who authored the letter. Barb will report back.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report.

Cemetery Sexton Bill Wilms reported to the board he had received a request for the placement of a stone bench in memory of Bill Kusar. Discussion was held on placement of the bench. The trustees agreed it would be a nice addition to the cemetery. John Kusar stated he will check on this further and will report back.

Bill also reported the fire trucks had the pumps tested, and air packs were also tested. All passed. Bill will gather prices on Scott air packs the fire dept. would like to begin replacing.

John K. stated Larry Meaney contacted him about signing the cover letter that will accompany the sewer blueprints when they go for bid. He felt by signing this cover letter he would be condoning what the commissioners did, and John feels they did not do the township citizens justice by not bidding both systems as they had stated they would. John asked if by not signing the letter, would it slow the process. Larry indicated it would not hurt the process, so John elected to not sign the letter.

John said the newsletter was reviewed and corrections made.

John said Mr. Nizen will fold and insert the address sign applications from NAD into the newsletter. Janie will get them from NAD to John on Wednesday.

John reported on a letter he received from Catherine Colgan regarding motorcycle noise. John summarized the letter, a copy will be on file. It refers to a federal law concerning muffler noise. The trustees could adopt this law, but are not equipped to enforce it. If the County Commissioners were to adopt this law, and the County Sheriff Dept. enforce it, the Sheriff Dept. could potentially raise money through the fines against violators.

Janie reported the NAD meeting is Thursday at 7:00pm at the NAD office.

Janie stated Shelley Kelner from RTS gave her a maintenance outline and package of repair components for the playground equipment. They provided a repair estimate of \$395.00 for the four seat bouncer that is broken. Jerry said the equipment is too light for the use it gets in a township park. He said he can't see spending the money on the repair, it should be guaranteed. John and Janie both agreed the equipment should have lasted at least a year. Jerry asked Janie to go back to the company to see if they will offer anything. He feels if they do not, we can fix it.

Janie stated she has the Emergency Operating Plan from the County EMA and will place it in the office.

Janie said she received an e-mail from Tim Townsend, director of the EMA, reminding the township about the ISO tests which when passed, will qualify the township for federal emergency funding.

Jerry said he contacted CEI about the street light at the corner. It is now working.

Jerry reported the panel and breakers in the road garage are fixed. It is a 200amp service. The repair cost \$950.00. Jerry said he believes the heaters in the road garage should be on thermostats. Jerry stated the roadmen use the heaters for light since the current lights are too dim. Randy worked up a price on high efficiency lights. They are suspended fluorescent fixtures. His price includes removing the old fixtures, eight new fixtures, and rental of a lift for the job. Randy's price is \$2,177.60.

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John said the garage heaters should be on thermostats. Also the breakers are being used as switches and that is what caused the problem with the breakers and panel. The township should look into gas, it would be more efficient in the long run.

Res. 1250-09 John moved to have Randy put in the new lights in the road garage at the cost of \$2,177.60. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Jerry said Pete spoke with Dominion East Ohio Gas Co. They will come out and look to see what would be involved with running a gas line to the garage.

Jerry presented the letter he wrote thanking the County Engineer for the help with the Wolf property.

Jerry said he thinks the township should wait until spring to get the ditching on Forman Rd. started. The board agreed.

In audience comments, Lorna Masek asked the trustees what they thought about a letter she received, written by Nelson and Marcy Hejduk, which indicated residents' taxes would be affected by the township's sewer costs. Jerry stated the taxes to the residents will not be raised. He said he inquired about the school district needing to raise taxes, and they will not raise any taxes. Janie stated both Geneva schools and GRA are pleased the sewers are going in. She said our tie in fees will be paid from the general fund. Janie said the park costs are still in question. The township can remove the restroom there and use portable restrooms seasonally. John stated the money necessary for the sewer fees will have to be paid, it comes from somewhere, and will not be able to be used on roads, etc.

Res. 1251-09 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Janie seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Heald Burk

Board Chairman

Barbara Schack