

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held January 19, 2010

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held January 19, 2010 was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Burke, Kusar, Spade, Ted Seifert, Bill Thomas, David Thomas, Byron Dutton, Winnie Cerbin, and Don Herman were present.

Janie stated she had a correction to the Jan 4 meeting minutes, Res. 1293-10. She said the resolution was stated, "Let the record reflect that the trustees in attendance were Jerry Burke, John Kusar, and Janie Spade." Barb disagreed and stated she will check the tape. Jerry said he thought the minutes were correct and asked that the tape be checked. Janie stated she knew what was said because she seconded the motion. After listening to the tape of Jan. 4, Jerry's Res. was stated "I would make a motion, since everyone is making motions, that for this organizational meeting, John Kusar Jr., Janie Spade, and Gerald Burke were in attendance."

Res. 1295-10 Jerry noted the above discussion and moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. John seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, no. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1296-10 Janie moved to pay the bills of the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts totaled \$31,477.54. Bills totaled \$15,074.51.

John Beninato gave his zoning report.

John K. stated the ZBA had it's organizational meeting last night. Keith O'Connell will be Chairman, Tod Mogren will be Vice Chair. John said the notification of adjoining property owners to the variance applicants, has become quite a chore for the ZBA. Sue Avsec asked if possible, could Sarah Masek do this clerical job as well as take the minutes to retain a chain of command of all ZBA paperwork. John will check with Sarah about this.

Res. 1297-10 John moved that pending Sarah's acceptance of this position, she be hired to do the minutes and correspondence for the ZBA. Janie said the motion should be made after checking with Sarah. Jerry seconded the motion. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye, if Sarah accepts. Burke, aye.

John asked the fiscal officer to send a letter to Cher Gilson to see if she is still interested in her ZBA position.

Res. 1298-10 John moved to appoint Sue Avsec to another term on the ZBA. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

John said Jackie spoke to him about purchasing a whiteboard for Zoning Commission meetings. The one she showed him cost about \$300.00. He said he thinks that is too much. Jerry suggested they could possibly use an easel with paper, it would be more economical.

John said Diane Mongenel stated she would like to remain as a second alternate.

Res. 1299-10 John moved to retain Diane Mongenel as second alternate. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 1300-10 John moved that Ted Seifert move to Rich Dana's term on the Commission, expiring 12/31/2010. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 1301-10 Janie moved to re-appoint Mike Schaab to his 5 year term on the Commission. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Discussion was held on three residents interested in remaining positions, David Thomas, Gary Welch, and Don Herman.

Res. 1302-10 John moved to appoint David Thomas to the first alternate position on the Zoning Commission. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 1303-10 Janie moved to appoint Donald Herman to replace Carl Chiarenza (resigned), term ending 12/31/2013. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

John said someone from Smolen Engineering is coming to view the town hall Thursday at 2:00.

Janie reported the next NAD meeting is Feb. 2, 2010 at 7:00pm in the NAD building.

Janie asked if the prosecutor's office had responded to the letter regarding the fire dept. allowance. The fiscal officer stated they had not.

Janie discussed the purchase of zoning resource books she had presented to the board for review. She said she would like the township to buy five of them. Jerry said he would like to take another look at them. He said he will do so by next meeting.

Joe Hejduk said the Covered Bridge Festival brings lots of tourism to the county, and a donation to them would be advantageous.

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Jerry asked if Janie had any more info on park grants, specifically for revamping the ball diamond. Janie said she will follow up on this.

Jerry asked if Janie had heard anything back from RTS about the broken playground equipment. She has not. Jerry said he is very disappointed with how quickly the equipment broke, and would like to send a letter to them with the Board's concerns. Janie stated she would write a letter and bring it in for all the trustees to sign.

Jerry said the thermostats and relays in the road garage are complete.

Jerry said the lights in the town hall are now operating on switches. Also the three way switch in the hall is repaired.

In audience, Ted Seifert reported on the meeting he attended at the Planning Commission. Albert Dispenza is looking into a collaborative planning effort for townships.

David Thomas said one of his neighbors asked him to report a street light out on College St. Janie said she will follow up with the Illuminating Co.

Byron Dutton said the roadmen did a good job plowing.

Byron asked about the progression of work on Forman Rd. Jerry said the ditches are going to be moved, the berm tile will be placed next, and then base material will be put in place.

Winnie Cerbin stated the town hall sign needs to be changed.

Joe Hejduk asked when the start of the sewer project is to take place. This will be March or April, weather permitting.

Byron Dutton inquired about the new elementary school. It is being placed to the rear of the property where the existing school is located.

Res. 1304-10 Jerry moved to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Jerry Buck
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Barbara Schaab