

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held August 16,

2010

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held August 16, 2010 was called to order at 8:00pm with the pledge. Trustees Burke, Kusar, Spade, Chery'ol Gilson, Ted, Ginny Seifert, Byron Dutton II, David, Bill Thomas, Jacklyn, Ernie Krysa, Don Herman, Bob Heinz, and Joe Hejduk were present.

Res. 1391-10 Jerry moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. John seconded. The roll call vote; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1392-10 John moved to pay the bills of the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Receipts totaled \$5,538.37. Bills totaled \$21,728.03.

In correspondence, notice was sent of the renewal of Quinn's Restaurant liquor license. The trustees did not request a hearing.

A copy of foreclosure proceedings on the Woodside Dr. property was sent from the Prosecutor's office. John explained to those present what had been happening there. Jerry said Janice Schweitzer had contacted him stating she thought the township might be interested in the property. Jerry said the township was not. Janice said the county has a person set up for the demolition of the house there.

John stated he received a call about the sidewalks on Rt. 307 being torn up due to the sewer work. He called Larry Meany about this, but was waiting to hear back.

John said Mr. Heinz contacted him again about Allen Rd. Mr. Heinz is concerned about his road and the process used by the trustees to decide on roads to be chip and sealed. John said we have in the past completed 10 miles of chip and seal. This year due to the project on the north end of Forman, it has been decided we will do 7 miles of chip and seal. John said he drove many of the township roads and some are in far worse shape than Allen. John said after we look at the numbers for Forman, we still have time to review Allen. John stated we have \$75,000.00 as our match in the Forman OPWC project. That work is costing an unexpected additional \$8,000.00 to raise the road, and \$3,000.00 to rent a roller. Appropriations set in January were reviewed to see what in road work allowances is left.

Bob Heinz said this is the first year Allen Rd. is not soft. He is hoping the township will consider chip and seal to save the road, thereby saving the township money in the long run. He feels the road will hold up longer if the emulsion is applied. Mr. Heinz said chip and seal was applied on Mill Creek all the way to Thousand Trails.

Jerry stated the costs of chip and seal, indicating it costs \$27,000.00 per mile including the emulsion applied and the cost of stone the township must provide. He still believes it best to see where the township ends up after Forman Rd. is complete.

Byron Dutton asked how many miles of roads the township has, and how many are paved. We have about 32 miles, 4 to 5 of which are paved.

John referred to a call he received on a broken limb in Austin Cemetery. Jerry said a limb came down and broke about 7 or 8 headstones. He has called for three estimates for limb clean up. Janie said she would like Jerry to get those quotes in writing. Two trees may have to come down also. Barb reported she has been in touch with OTARMA, an adjuster has contacted her with a claim number. The company is waiting to hear an idea of the damage and any estimates we may have.

John spoke with Cindy Hejduk about closing the town hall when the work is to be done. She suggested January or February are best.

Janie asked if Jerry received a written quote from Dan's Trenching. Jerry had and gave a copy to Janie.

Janie announced the NAD Open House scheduled for Sun. August 22 from 12 to 4:00pm.

Janie said she went to the summer conference session and brought some zoning information back to members of zoning boards.

Jerry said he oiled the basement door hinges, it is working fine.

Jerry visited the property on Tote Rd. where a gentleman is stacking fire wood. He walked it and said the only way to get through would be with a tractor. Janie stated the wood should be moved since it is on township property.

Jerry said he told the roadmen the garage lights should be shut off during the day when not needed.

Jerry got hold of the telephone company, the office and zoning phones were not working.

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The repairman put in a new line at no cost.

Jerry reported the roadmen said they need a new weed whip.

Res. 1393-10 Jerry moved to purchase a FS250OR from Cope Equipment at a cost of \$499.95. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Jerry said Pete will be tearing up the base on Forman Rd. beginning Thursday. It will take about 3 to 5 days for Sidley to haul in the stone.

John Beninato gave his zoning report. The Woodside Dr. property was discussed.

Jackie Krysa asked John B. if the duplex being constructed is at the legal set back. John stated he had measured it and it is 50 ft from the road right of way.

Jackie also asked about the taco sign leaning on the pole near the Corner Bar. John stated it is not legal, if the trustees want him to remove it, he would like one of the trustees to accompany him to do so. Problems with enforcing zoning issues was discussed.

Byron Dutton said it would be a good idea to place guardrails if the wood is removed from the Tote Rd. property to keep drivers from running off the road there.

Jackie Krysa inquired about Austinburg paying for safety protection in the absence of enough Sheriff Dept. protection. Janie explained we are already paying for protection within our taxes. John K. said the Sheriff is only responsible for a civil office, 911, and a jail. Janie said she believes that is debatable. John said it is the Commissioners that cut the funding for the Sheriff. Jackie said she would rather have township money spent to make residents safe than on spent on roads. Discussion was held on funding police protection via a levy. John said most people he has spoken with would not be willing to support a levy for that purpose.

Ginny stated the year the Tote Rd bridge burned had been discussed at a prior meeting. She said it was 1939.

Res. 1394-10 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Jerry Burke
Board Chairman

Barbara Schaub