

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held September 20,

2010

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township was convened after the Public Hearing on September 20, 2010. Trustees Burke, Kusar, Spade, and audience present for the public hearing were in attendance.

Res. 1408-10 Janie moved to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting as written. John seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 1409-10 John moved to pay the bills for the township. Jerry inquired about the Visa bill for Janie's NATAT registration, if it had been brought to the trustees. Janie said a resolution was passed at the beginning of the year permitting it. Jerry seconded the motion. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts were \$1,489.72. Bills were \$14,036.03.

Jerry said Dawn Cragon had called him about the township's intent to have the Woodside Dr. property demolished as indicated by the legal notice. Jerry told Dawn that Janice Schweitzer had encouraged the township to proceed with the demolition. Dawn stated this property will be sold at Sheriff sale, and has been presented as including the structure. Janie suggested a meeting between the trustees, Dawn and Janice. Jerry will check with Dawn and try to schedule something.

John Beninato gave his zoning report. He stated Catherine Colgan is looking into the Janson property on Forman Rd. but nothing has been done yet. Deb Armington asked about the camp on Cork Cold Springs Rd. John B. said no one has come in to speak to him about the property.

John K. said he has spoken with Ebony Construction Co. and asked for written quotes on paving the parts of Betts and Chestnut not being paved with the sewer project. Jerry said he had spoken with Tim Martin and looked at CT Consultant specs on the costs. It would cost approximately \$25,737.00. Tim recommended the township deal directly with Ebony.

John said he just received the town hall plans from Smolen. He will review these and they can be discussed at a later meeting. Janie stated she would like to get going on the NOPEC grant application and shoot for the November 12 filing.

Janie mentioned meeting with Mike Ford of Behm Funeral Home to go over the monument restoration costs. John stated all the township really needs is a not to exceed figure to take the tablets down. Janie said she would try to set up a work session at 6:00pm or 6:30pm one day.

Janie said she had spoken to Steve LaTourette at the NATAT conference regarding available grants for the monument and retro reflectivity of existing signs. This is a Federal mandate with no Federal funding offered however.

Janie stated the next NAD meeting is October 6 at 7:00pm.

Jerry addressed the turn lanes and work on Rt. 45 discussed at a pervious meeting. He said Tim Martin agreed there is no plan for a turn lane on Rt. 45 at Clay St. The reason is that the project is funded with stimulus money, and that money may not be used for acquisition of property, which would be necessary to install turn lanes at Clay. ODOT does not intend to spend any money on land acquisition.

Jerry said he is getting quotes on the repair of stones in Austin cemetery that were damaged when the tree fell. He said it appears only two additional stones were broken than was originally thought.

Jerry said the roof on the pavilion at the park is in need of repair.

Jerry stated the MC70 has not been applied yet due to rain.

In audience participation Tom Milligan spoke on the benefits of Issue 3, an Ashtabula County District Library levy. He asked the trustees to consider passing a resolution in support of the levy. It supports the Ashtabula and Geneva libraries and the Bookmobile.

Res. 1410-10 Janie moved to support Issue 3. She believes the libraries assist all residents. John said he does not believe it is the Board's position to endorse or not endorse a levy other than our own. He said the libraries are a good thing but believes it is up to the voters to determine for themselves. Jerry asked various audience members their opinion of the levy. Jerry seconded Janie's motion. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, no.

Bill Thomas thanked Jerry for helping get the drainage problems at Grand River Academy taken care of. Holes were being left where the red drain pipes were removed by Mr. Excavator. Mr. Thomas said the township should watch for these problems on our roads as

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these pipes are removed.

Res. 1411-10 Jerry moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Barbara Schaefer