Minutes of

Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held August 1,

2011

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held August 1, 2011 was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Burke, Kusar, Spade, Joe Hejduk, Ted, Ginny Seifert, Marcy, Nelson Hejduk, Cindy Kelner, Winnie Cerbin, Dave Thomas, and Byron Dutton were present.

Res. 124-11 Janie moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the following corrections; she indicated she did not say the park monument would be complete by Country Days, only that the scaffolding would not be there. Also she said Jerry did not state the township cemetery rules were unclear. John seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 125-11 Jerry moved to pay the bills of the township. Janie seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Bills totaled \$157,176.83. Receipts were \$189,360.08.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report. John K. stated that the Ohio Supreme Court exempted all agriculture from zoning permit requirements. John B. said the ruling pertained to wineries. Discussion was held on agriculture and wineries and the terms of the ruling.

Bill Wilms brought prices on fixing the tank that is leaking on the fire truck. The sills around the tank are rotting out. Jerry said he would like Bill to check on more prices and report back to the trustees. Bill stated turn-out gear is being ordered with grant funds the department received.

Janie reported the NAD meeting is this Wed. at 7:00pm.

Janie said Ellen Kolman of the Star Beacon wrote an article on the town hall. Janie, Jerry, Ginny Seifert, Evelyn Schaeffer, and Annette Sheldon were there. Janie mentioned the stage area floor still needs painted. The paint committee had chosen a color for it. The roadmen can do the painting.

Janie said the tables and chairs need a good cleaning before placing them back in use in the hall. She said she will talk to Cindy Hejduk about it and also stated the work can be hired out. Jerry said he thought the trustees could take care of this cleaning.

Regarding the park monument, Ginny has called J.R. but has not heard anything back yet. Jerry said Lori Haynes had called to see if the stone for the Rt. 307 cemetery needed a name for the cemetery. The trustees decided to leave it the way it is, with just the verse chosen to be inscribed.

Jerry stated Dominion sent him an application so they can quote a price on installing a gas line at the garage. He has not heard back yet.

Jerry said the crack sealing machine will be in and the roadmen will be doing the sealing. He said there are telephone lines in the Forman Rd. right of way that will be moved back on the poles so ditch cleaning can be done there.

Jerry stated he attended a meeting with Ebony, Mr. Excavator, and the county concerning over-runs that Ebony says they incurred on the paving.

Jerry said he received calls about long grass on two properties located on Rt. 45. John B. said the township can cut the grass and have the cost put on the property taxes.

John Beninato discussed the definition of agriculture and had the fiscal officer read an excerpt from the ORC. He stated if John K. is hearing complaints from Mr. Gildersleeve or Mr. Janson, he has not had anything to do with these properties.

John K. said he sent two letters to the County Prosecutor, one regarding the issue of the township hauling dirt to private property and the other dealing with the noise issue from motorcycles.

John addressed the letter sent to residents asking for comments about their property after the sewer work. He will send copies of the letters with a cover letter to the county.

John said the township can not have the area around the town hall sign mowed since it is still too rough.

Joe Hejduk said he had gone to the zoning office to request a list of allowed uses in NC districts. Joe said he was told that the interested party should come in and discuss his plans with the Zoning Administrator. John B. said that is not how the conversation went.

Ginny Seifert said the picture of Betsy and Reverend Badger was located and can be put back up. She also discussed framing and putting the pictures back up in the town hall. Joe Hejduk offered to donate the wood needed for the frames if someone would volunteer to make

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them.

Marcy Hejduk turned in letters from she and Kim Wolf concerning their property complaints after sewer work. She also brought in a sample of the dirt applied to her yard.

Nelson Hejduk turned in his letter for the county also. He mentioned he had a problem with a sewer line at Mandy's house and the county came out and fixed the line. He presented a copy of a bill he received and paid the county for that repair. He stated it was not done free of charge.

Dave Thomas said the Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 3, 2011 on proposed changes to the text.

Byron Dutton inquired who is supposed to replace survey stakes removed from properties when sewer work was done. John said he can check with the county. Jerry will speak with Larry Meaney.

John asked Pete if the plow that has been discussed for replacement, might be able to be adjusted Pete will call and stated the plow is twelve year old.

Res. 126-11 Jerry moved to go into Executive Session at 8:31pm to discuss personnel problems. Janie seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 127-11 On Tuesday, August 2, 2011 the Executive Session continued at 6:00pm. At 6:20pm John moved to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Janie seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

John announced the personnel problem had been discussed and the board came to a conclusion that all parties involved agreed upon.

Res. 128-11 John moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Janie seconded. The regular meeting of Aug 1 adjourned at 6:25pm on Aug 2, 2011.

Barbara Schaab