

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Austinburg Township

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held January 21, 20 14

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held January 21, 2014 was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Burke, Dutton, Kusar, Ginny, Ted Seifert, Bill Thomas, Phil Miller, and Fred Shook were present.

Res. 556-14 Jerry moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Byron seconded. The roll call vote; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 557-14 John moved to pay the bills of the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Receipts totaled \$457.66. Bills totaled \$12,658.36.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report. There was a discussion on run down properties in the township. Also, John stated he would like to re-calculate the amount of hours he puts in for the township, and revisit the idea of a raise for him. John K. said the Zoning Commission passed a resolution in their zoning meeting in support of John's request for a raise. They stated he does a very good job for Austinburg. John K made comparisons of neighboring townships, indicating what their zoning personnel are paid. He said he feels John B. is paid a fair wage. Phil Miller stated he feels there is more to consider than just hours spent when looking at the job John does for Austinburg. Phil said he thinks the township needs a strong zoning inspector and John at least deserves a cost of living increase. Byron said he agrees John does a great job as zoning inspector but thinks he is paid fairly. He would, however, like to revisit this in six months and reevaluate the raise issue at that time. Jerry said John B. should keep an accurate tally of all time put in so the board knows exactly how much time he works.

Barb stated she received a phone message from Bill Wilms the backflow in the fire hall is leaking. Mike is retired now and no longer tests or repairs these devices. He does know another plumber that might be able to repair it. It is Flanigan Plumbing.

Res. 558-14 John moved to have Flanigan Plumbing go ahead and fix the backflow in the fire hall. He stated it needs fixed right away if it is leaking. Jerry seconded. The roll; Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Jerry said he discovered cold air blowing in near one of the town hall thermostats, giving a false reading on temperature. He instructed the roadmen to place some insulation around it so it may work properly.

Jerry reported he turned in the paperwork for the gas line to the road garage. He has not heard anything back yet.

Jerry said the NatureWorks grant sign is in place at the park. He sent in pictures and the paperwork so we may receive the funds.

Regarding the street light request at Countryview, he spoke with CEI. They will look into a price. A petition needs to be signed by residents first, and then costs would be assessed to their taxes to pay for the light.

There is a problem with vehicles passing in a dangerous area on Countryview at Mechanicsville Rd. Jerry will check with Tim Martin to see if the no passing marking can be extended.

Fred Shook stated he has a problem with the roadmen plowing up the berm near his home. He said he has to remove the road material from his yard every year in the spring. He said they do not need to plow so close to his yard. Jerry will speak to the road crew.

Jerry asked the fiscal officer about the check for Don Clickett, who fixed the lift in the town hall. Mr. Clickett said he didn't think he was paid. Barb checked and stated the check was paid on 6/1/13 and has cleared.

Byron reported on the January 7, 2014 NAD meeting. They reorganized the board, and NAD is placing a .5 mil renewal levy on the ballot in May. The report is available in township files for review.

John K. reported he spoke with the roadmen about the work rules. The new copies provided supersede any old ones adopted in the 90's.

Discussion was held on the old 99 dump truck. John said he would like the board to decide if the township will keep the truck for a spare or sell it now and get some value out of it.

John reminded the board that zoning fees need to be looked at and decisions made if any are to change. He also got a fee schedule from Cindy Hejduk on town hall fees.

Res. 559-14 Jerry moved to keep town hall rental rates presented by Mrs. Hejduk. Byron

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seconded. The roll call; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Res.560-14 John moved to reappoint Phil Miller to the zoning commission. Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. The term is five years, 1/1/14 to 12/31/18.

Res. 561-14 John moved to appoint Keisha Christophe to the zoning commission as an alternate. Byron seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Dutton, aye.

Res. 562-14 Byron moved to appoint Doug Grout to the ZBA, to finish Byron's unexpired term. John seconded. The roll; Dutton, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

In audience participation, Bill Thomas indicated the links on the township web site are not working.

Ted Seifert said he thinks it would be helpful to place Mrs. Hejduk's phone number on a bulletin board for the residents with inquiries about the town hall rentals.

Res. 563-14 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Byron seconded. The meeting ended at 9:00pm.


