## Minutes of

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS Austinburg Township

Meeting Meeting

Held\_\_\_\_September 2,

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held September 2, 2014 was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Burke, Dutton, Kusar, Ted, Ginny Seifert, Paul Carpenter, Bill Thomas, Larrie Puraty, Evelyn, Don Schaeffer, Phil Miller, Nelson Hejduk were present.

Res. 658-14 Jerry moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. John seconded. The roll call vote; Dutton, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res 659-14 John moved to pay the bills of the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Bills totaled \$15,904.62. Receipts were \$10,562.16.

Nelson Hejduk presented the trustees with an approximate cost of removing the tanks at the old gas station. This estimate contained costs for pulling the tanks, disposing of the liquid in them, backfilling, etc. Mike Adams had given an estimate of \$9,500.00 for taking down the building. Removal of the asbestos in the site will be approximately \$1,500.00. The estimate for the corner clean up will be about \$50,000.00.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report. John sent a letter to County Prosecutor Nick Iarocci asking for an opinion on the mining permit that has been requested by Mike Adams. Evelyn Schaeffer stated that a mining permit does not supersede local zoning regulations. She indicated she believes if something is not in the text, it is not permitted. A person would have to ask for a particular use not contained in the zoning text using the proper procedures. Mr. Adams is selling the dirt mined from his property, and commercial is not allowed in the R-1 districts. Evelyn asked the trustees write a letter to ODNR questioning the issue of Mr. Adams' permit.

Jerry reported the township's OPWC grant application did not score high enough to move on.

Jerry said since the township paved Forman Rd., there have been many accidents at the corner. He spoke with Pete and Tim Martin about additional signage. The township will place "Stop Ahead" signs near the intersection. ODOT does not think two stop signs are necessary there.

The trustees discussed the need for crack sealing on Sidley Court, as well as necessary catch basins.

Res. 660-14 Jerry moved Pete spend up to \$4,000.00 with Seal Master to apply crack sealant on Sidley Ct. John seconded. The roll; Dutton, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

John reported on the two tree removal bids acquired by the road dept. Randolph is \$3,500.00 and Brobst is \$3,100.00. This is for trimming and removal of 7 trees in the cemeteries.

Res. 661-14 John moved to hire Brobst at a cost of \$3,100.00 to remove the trees. Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye.

John reported on his conversation with a woman who has done an audit on licensing fees for Saybrook. He will look into this more to see if it may benefit the township to have a similar audit done for Austinburg. The audit finds where auto license fees are being sent, to make sure they are going to citizens' places of residence, not mailing addresses. He will report at a later date.

Larrie Purity and Paul Carpenter spoke to those in attendance about the upcoming park board levy on the ballot. They explained the need for the levy passage, why the funds are needed, and some of the intended uses.

Bill Thomas addressed the issue that Barb Carr, zoning secretary, is leaving. He asked the trustees to act quickly to replace her. She told Bill she is willing to transcribe minutes from the audio tapes until a new secretary is hired.

Joe Hejduk asked about the crack sealing on Sidley Ct. The board explained this is just to get the road through winter.

Re. 662-14 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Byron seconded. The meeting ended at  $8:50 \, \mathrm{pm}$ .

Barbara Schaab