

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Austinburg Township

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ November 7, _____ 20____ 16_____

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township opened at 7:30pm. Ginny and Ted Seifert, Sue Avsec, Bill Wilms, and Don Schafer were present.

Res. 294-16 John moved to accept the minutes as written. Byron seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 295-16 John moved to pay the bills of the Township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Receipts totaled \$18,434.92. Expenses totaled \$151,959.58.

Following the reading of a letter from resident and Townhall custodian Cindy Hejduk, John shared that he will speak with Cindy regarding the large amount of Townhall reservations and ways to address residents not being able to reserve the space.

Res. 296-16 John moved to pay the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation payment for 2017 in one lump sum in January. Byron seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 297-16 Jerry moved to purchase 3 truckloads of salt from Latchy Trucking at \$55 per ton delivered. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

John Kusar requested the process for saving the court reporting documents from the ZBA hearing. Sue Avsec suggested waiting to purchase the documents unless there is future action. Sue shared that the ZBA did not rule in favor of Mr. Janson's request for a use variance. Sue also stated that she believes one of her Board members should have recused himself given public statements previously made, but did not. She suggested addressing the trucking industry as a policy matter. John Benninato shared background on area variance and use variance differences and how he applies these rules.

John mentioned the issue of marijuana in townships and the policy regarding the allowance or banning of growing crop. The next Ashtabula Township Association Meeting will be on this subject.

Jerry asked when work on the Township office would commence. The current understanding would be this winter. He also shared that work on Forman Road is moving along well.

Billy shared that the Fire Department did ladder and hose testing. **Res. 298-16** John moved to replace a defunct fire hose with a new hose. Byron seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Byron gave a report from the meeting with the Prosecutor, Bryon, the Fiscal Officer, and Fire Department. The Township currently owns and operates the fire department except for the payment of calls to the volunteers and leadership. The trustees and Bill discussed the positives and drawbacks of different plans for the organization of the Fire Department moving forward. The Fiscal Officer will need to print out W-4 forms for the Fire Department members as beginning in 2017 these workers will be paid directly from the Township's Fire Fund.

Byron met with Kim Arnold from OTARMA who inspected the Township buildings and will give suggestions for insurance coverage moving forward. The board will revisit insurance coverage when her recommendation arrives.

GH Drive has been staked and cut, but the road section has not been removed as of yet.

A discussion began regarding the potential of having Township phones for employees who use their personal cell phones for work business. Jerry suggested Byron speak with the County Prosecutor regarding this issue.

John discussed the Austin Cemetery Wall issue and plan to fix it. Byron called the Quines to share that the stakes were in and placed for property lines. John typed a letter requesting the purchase of one half acre adjacent to the Austin Cemetery from the Quines.

John received an email from the owner of Hampton Inn. The Fiscal Officer will draft an email to the Hampton Inn asking if the organization is willing to sell part of their property on the north side for a cul-de-sac and that truck parking on GH Drive will no longer be acceptable.

Jerry asked the Board's opinion on the Township's grater. This will require further discussion.

Res. 299-16 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm, Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

