

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Austinburg Township

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held January 16, 20 18

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township opened at 7:30pm. Bill Wilms, Jennifer Capo, Lindsay Bell, George Csepegi, Mark Winchell, Mike Kovacic, Andy and April Tetlow were in attendance.

**Res. 17-18** John moved to accept the minutes, Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

**Res. 18-18** John moved to pay the bills, Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Bills were \$21,917.40 and Receipts were \$12,485.08.

The Fiscal Officer shared that Chris's Quality Home & Lawn has dissolved his business and will no longer be providing services to our Township.

John Benninato presented his zoning report.

Bill Wilms shared a job description for the Fire Inspector Position. Bill has spoken with salesmen regarding the Fire Truck and will have a bid packet prepared for the following meeting. John shared how Jefferson handles their Fire Inspectors by paying several certified individuals per call each makes instead of one individual a flat rate. Bill will speak with his firefighters to receive their input.

Jerry spoke with a resident in Eagleville regarding his mailbox. The box and post were destroyed but Jerry believes the Township is not liable. Jerry spoke with the County who admitted they hit the box and will rectify the situation.

Byron has a waterline advisory meeting soon to discuss waterlines in the Township.

John shared that the Township ordered two more loads of salt which should last the rest of the winter. Pete can purchase more ice grits if needed.

John discussed the sidewalk issue for children walking to the elementary school in the snow. As a Township, Austinburg cannot force residents to clear their sidewalks nor can the road department clean them. Resident Nelson Hejduk cleared public sidewalks for the children walking.

Andy Tetlow asked if there was any information regarding backups of cars going into the elementary school. John Kusar saw a backup waiting on Rt. 307 during pick up.

Lindsey Bell from Geneva shared that she is from the levy committee encouraging residents to pass the Geneva Income Tax Levy for May, 2018 and asking for the Board's endorsement.

Resident Mark Winchell spoke to the issue of Income Tax versus Property Tax Levy and his belief that an Income Tax is more equitable. Lindsey remarked her concern is that property values will be decreasing should the levy fail as the school district would suffer.

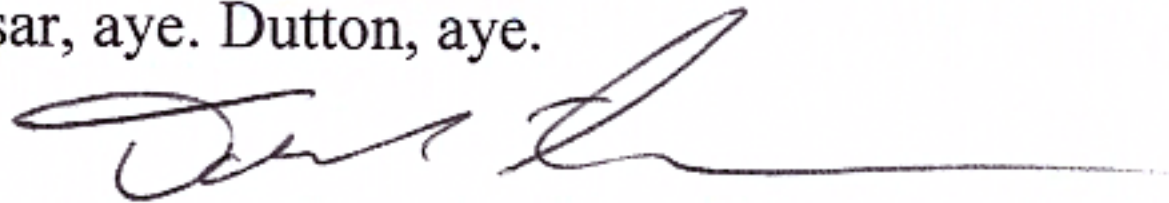
Byron asked what the income tax would cost to collect from the school district. The levy committee responded that roughly a 1% administrative fee would be collected. Jerry shared his concern with the SPIRE deal and lack of tax payments. The levy committee responded that SPIRE is beginning to pay their taxes through the deal struck with the school board.

The levy committee also shared that there is a possibility that Cork or Austinburg Elementary School could be closed. They will potentially use the Townhall for a coffee hour to discuss the potential levy.

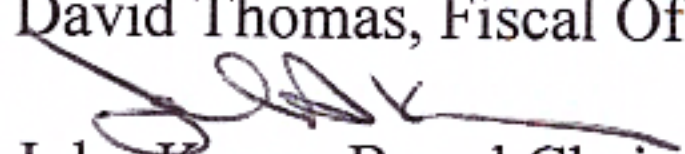
Mike Kovacic asked about the funding model for the Levy Committee and how the donations are being spent.

The Board chose not to act on the question of endorsing the May, 2018 Geneva School Levy.

**Res. 19-18** John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm, Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye.



David Thomas, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman