## Austinburg Township August 5, 2019

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:31 pm. Residents in attendance included Mike Kovacic, April Tetlow, Andy Tetlow, Felicia Matras, Ginny Seifert, Lorna Masek, Joe Hedjuk Jr., and Bill Wilms.

Res. 100-19 Byron moved to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 101-19 Jerry moved to pay the bills, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Bills paid were \$125,954.31 and Receipts were \$101,864.31.

In terms of correspondence we received a call from Charlotte Carter on Dadeyville Rd about getting her ditch drains cleaned out. The Northern Ohio Township will meet, in conjunction with Portage County, on August 17 at 6:30pm. If going we need to RSVP. The Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities would like to invite you to meet and greet our new Superintendent, Toni Scurpa. Wed August 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00pm in Kingsville. Received an email from the State Auditor's office to order new copier/fax machines by the Sept.1, 2019.

John Beninato zoning administrator turned in his report. There were 5 new permits issued.

Chief Wilms reported the contract for the Sheriff's Dept. for dispatching for the Fire Dept. cost \$2,335.24. Contract was signed and mailed back to Sheriff's Dept...

Jerry had nothing to report. Byron reported on a bill turned in from Shelly Kelner for the cost of trimming a branch that fell on her property from a township tree in park. Byron made a motion to pay the bill Shelly Kelner turned in for \$500.00 for a tree service she hired. No second, so the motion died on the floor. Byron reported that Mike Petro and Jerry have looked at all of the trees in the Center Township Park and have marked 5 trees that need to be removed. Mike got a quote from Miller Tree Service for \$5,000.00 to take down the trees and remove the stumps. If we do the removal now it would be handled before Country Days weekend. The other quote was for \$6,200 and the third person wouldn't quote it. Res. 102-19 Bryon moved to authorize Mike P. to spend up to \$5,000.00 to have Miller Tree service remove 5 trees from the Center Township park, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, nay. Res. 103-19 Byron made a motion to have Mike P. purchase a magnate arm to hold the laser receiver for \$600.00 to be used for grading the ditches, John seconded. The roll; Burke, nay. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Res. 104-19 John moved to order a Diesel tank, 12 volt electric pump and accessories from Napa Auto Parts so it can be on the truck and portable, seconded by Byron. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye. Zoning meeting Aug. 7 at 5:30pm. Byron asked about starting work on Forman. Jerry reported we still haven't gotten a confirmation on starting the Forman Rd project. We will contact the people at the State level for OPWC. John asked if we have gotten any prints to hook up the gas tank at the Township Garage. John received a call from ODOT that the pedestrian bridge on State RT 307 between Rt 45 and College St has been closed. John has made contact with ODOT to see what can be done to get the bridge open before school starts. John brought

up ideas for purchasing the old 503 fire truck. The truck has to go for bid because it was purchased on a bond issue. John will look into getting prices for what it would cost to overhaul 503 to use it as a road truck.

Resident Felicia Matras inquired why the Township web page is showing suspended. Fiscal Officer Kanda explained the webmaster contacted her and said the bill for the webpage hadn't been paid. Al the webmaster is looking into it. Felicia Matras also inquired about why the Ohio Online Checkbook wasn't updated. Fiscal Officer Kanda will look into what the issue is with the Ohio Online Checkbook. Lorna Masek asked if the Township road guys could look at her "sled riding hill" because it is eroding. Joe Hejduk Jr. reported that ODOT is out looking at ditching Route 45 when the bridge is closed.

Res. 105-19 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm, seconded by Byron. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer

John Kusar, Board Chairman