

Austinburg Township
December 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. Residents in attendance included Mike Kovacic, Ginny Seifert, Joe Hejduk Jr., and John Beninato.,

Res. 149-19 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 150-19 Jerry moved to pay the bills, John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Bills paid were \$97,260.34 and Receipts were \$28,426.40.

In terms of correspondence we received a plaque for NOPEC in recognition of being a member since 2001. We received our "Certificate of Result of Election" on the tax levy from the Nov. 2019 election. We received a letter from the Ashtabula County Prosecutors Office in regards to a Class Action Notice for the "National Prescription Opiate Litigation lawsuit". We received the cost from the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Dept. in regards to dispatching for the Fire Dept... The cost will be \$2,335.24 beginning Jan. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2020.

The Fiscal Officer was asked to contact the insurance company in regards to an employee coverage of bills acquired when the employee was off. The insurance company said it was up to the Trustees. The Fiscal Officer was also asked to look into a tentative cost of the Forman Rd project. It appears to be around \$23,615.14 not including the roadmens' time.

Res. 151-19 Jerry moved to stay with the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Dept. for Fire Dept. dispatching for the year of 2020, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

John spoke with the Prosecutor office in regards to John Luban's insurance expenses that acquired while he was off on unpaid leave. John Luban knows we will not cover his payment for any medical procedures acquired while on FMLA.

John Beninato, Zoning Inspector turned in his report. John Kusar spoke with the County Building Inspector in regards to shipping containers. There was again lots of discussion on issuing building permits for shipping containers in regards to using them as buildings. There is more discussion to come on this issue of shipping containers.

Jerry reported that Matt Smith claims that there may be some money coming to help repair the boat ramp on Tote road. Byron reported that during the Cole's ditching it was discovered that the County Engineers Office missed measured the pipe needed for the project. Res. 152-19 John moved to pay \$1,710.00 for the extra 45 feet of piping. This will cause the price to be over the original bid price so it will now be \$24, 210.00 to Barnes Earth and Turf, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Plus Barnes Earth and Turf will also fix the low hanging electrical line by the road. Byron also suggested that Fire Chief Bill Wilms look at getting a raise because of the increase in fire calls. Res. 153-19 Byron moved to raise Fire Chief Bill Wilms to \$4,500 starting 2020 which is a \$500 increase, John seconded. The roll call; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Resident Joe Hejduk Jr. inquired about the possibility of getting the sewers expanded to help with the growth of both residential and business opportunities in our

Township. Byron has been in touch with Nick Sanford in regards to why the sewers weren't run down Clay St. when Dollar General was put in. Dollar General was allowed to put in a lift station instead of the sewer line.

Res. 154-19 John moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues and announced no decision would be made until they came out of executive session, Byron seconded at 8:05 pm. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The Trustees came out of executive session at 8:10 pm.

Res. 155-19 John moved to give Mike Petro a .65 raise, Bill Wilms a .60 raise, and John Luban .50 starting in 2020, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 156-19 Bryon moved to pay Dolores Allen the Zoning Secretary \$15.00 an hour, seconded by John. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 157-19 Byron moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman