

Austinburg Township

October 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. Residents in attendance included Joe Hejduk Jr., Mike Kovacic, Sara Frank, Bill Wilms, Larry Lister and John Beninato.

Res. 122-20 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 123-20 John moved to pay the bills, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Bills paid were \$43,617.32 and Receipts were \$18,998.34.

We received an email from the Ashtabula Health Dept. asking that we hold Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31, 2020 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. We received an email from the Ashtabula County Township Assoc. wondering if we felt there was a need for zoom calls for Assoc. meetings. OTRMA sent a letter that they are looking for nomination to fill two board seats. We received a letter from Homesafe that October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month with information on their services. We received a notice from Medical Mutual in regards to our Health Insurance coverage. If no changes are made it will renew on Dec. 1, 2020. The Ashtabula Health Dept. sent an email reporting as of 10/3/20 that there have been 670 confirmed cases and 47 deaths in Ashtabula County from the COVID 19 virus.

The Fiscal Officer reported the fees for the Official Court report were turned in and paid for a total of 3 separate bills. The sign the Zoning committee had requested was ordered and picked up from Here's Your Sign.

Res. 124-20 John moved to keep Medical Mutual as the medical insurance company for 2021, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning administrator John Beninato asked where the sign should go informing the Austinburg residence of the public hearing. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved both appeals brought before them. One was in regards to a sign up at the highway. The other was in regards to construction on a garage.

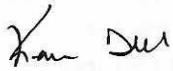
Jerry asked how we were doing in regards to wrapping up the OPWC grant. We will work on wrapping this up by December. Byron reported that there is a NAD meeting Oct. 6th. There will be zoning meeting Oct. 7th. There will be a special zoning meeting Oct. 20 at 6:00 pm at the Townhall on the map change. Bryon asked if we are finished with the risk management assessment yet. John reported there are a few items we are still working on. Byron was asked about the bleachers whether we could donate them or scrap them. John said we have to go the prosecutor's office to see what can be done with the bleachers. The issue is we know there is a problem with the bleachers as far as safety compliance so we need to see how to cover ourselves before giving the bleachers away. Byron said we also need to know what to do with the old tank off of 503 on whether we can sell it or scrap it. John reported that the ice grits haven't been ordered yet because they aren't making them yet. John reported we received three quotes on replacing the fire station furnace.

Res. 125-20 John moved to go with Penguin for replacing the fire station furnace with a 150,000 btu unit heater which includes gas line, electrical and labor plus a Wi-Fi

thermostat to send and alarm to the Fire Chief if the furnace loses power for \$3,740.00, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Resident Joe Hejduk Jr questioned the placement of the zoning sign and asked what time is the hearing. The special meeting in regards to the map change is Oct. 20 at 6:00 pm at the Townhall. Joe Hejduk Jr also questioned why we weren't going with Comfort Supply's bid on the furnace. John explained they couldn't accept it because it required money to be paid up front. Larry Lister asked if the Township had thought about putting up flashing lights at the intersection of Clay St and Sexton Rd. The Trustees explained that both roads are county roads so it is not in our control to put up flashing lights. Mike Kovacic asked if the funds to pay for the new furnace in the fire station will come out of the NOPEC grant. John said we will use up what is left in the NOPEC grant which is approximately \$2,244 then the rest will come out of the Township funds.

Res.126-20 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, Jerry seconded. The roll call; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman