

Austinburg Township
December 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. Residents in attendance included Mike Petro, Bill Wilms and Phil Haase.

Res. 148-20 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 149-20 John moved to pay the bills, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Bills paid were \$19,585.15 and Receipts were \$1,739.57.

NOPEC sent the paperwork for the grant for the Community Event Sponsorship Program for 2021. The award is again for \$500. State Road Occupational Medical Facility sent us the renewal paperwork for the "DOT Consortium Letter of Agreement" for 2021. Melzer's Fuel Service sent the new contract for 2021. The new laptop has been ordered for the Zoning Administrator. We received notice of a transfer of a Liquor permit for the Grand River Manor. We need to notify the Dept. of Liquor Control if we feel the need to have a hearing on the Liquor Permit transfer. The Ashtabula County Township Association sent an email in regards to what first responders need the COVID vaccine. The Ashtabula Health Dept. sent an email reporting as of 12/15/20 that there have been 3,628 confirmed cases and 78 deaths in Ashtabula County from the COVID 19 virus. A thank you note was read from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Ashtabula County Library regarding the use of the library to hold zoom meetings.

The Fiscal Officer reported that she had asked for an Amended Certificate because we had acquired the OPWC grant for \$50,000 and two grants from NOPEC for \$3,719. The Fiscal Officer also reported that she had to reissue some checks because of the Post Office and the mail issues they are having which started in Nov. 2020.

Res. 150-20 John moved to go with State Road Occupational Medical Facility for DOT physicals, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res 151-20 John moved to go with Melzer's Fuel Service for 2021, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kumar, aye.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms had nothing to report.

Road Supervisor Mike Petro had nothing to report.

Yearend meeting will be Tuesday December 29, 2020 at 7:30pm at the Townhall.

Jerry asked if we knew about the ODNR grant that was available. There was discussion on what to request on the ODNR grant. John will check with ODNR to see what we would need to do to fix the ramp off Tote Road park before applying for the grant. Byron asked if the Fiscal Officer could find out if an account can be set up to hold money donated for a specific project. Fiscal Officer will check with the auditor. Byron reported that Route 45 will be closing down for approximately 14 days to fix a culvert south of 307. John reported that Sidley Court has been patched from the digging up of water lines. John spoke with Ted Seifert in regards to getting the fence by the park repaired. Ted Seifert said the snow plow person for the Austinburg United Church of Christ will fix it.

Res. 152-20 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 7:55 pm. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 153-20 Jerry moved to come out of executive session at 8:05 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 154-20 John moved to give all three roadmen \$1.00 an hour raise starting 2021 Mike Petro, Bill Wilms and John Laban, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res.155-20 Byron moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman