

Austinburg Township
February 1, 2021

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

Res. 21-21 Jerry moved to accept the minutes as written, John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 22-21 John moved to pay the bills, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Bills paid were \$16,878.63 and Receipts were \$19,884.97.

We received a letter from the Ashtabula County Auditor's Office reminding us that the Township has 2 levies set to expire this year. One is the 1.0 mil Fire levy and the other is a 1.0 mil Current Expense levy. OTRMA sent a letter stating that there are three new coverage endorsements that go into effect this year. They are Unscheduled Property in the Open, Earth Movement and Sexual Misconduct General Condition. The Ashtabula Health Dept. sent no email in regards to the COVID update.

The Fiscal Officer reported the End of the Year report has been submitted to the Ohio Checkbook online. A notice of our End of Year report has been sent to the Star Beacon. The Fiscal Officer asked that the Trustees do an Annual Appropriation Resolution for the End of the Year for 2020. The Fiscal Officer will be asking the County Auditor Office for a new Amend Certification since the end of the year has been completed for 2020.

Res. 23-21 John moved to start the paperwork for renewals for both levies listed above for the November election, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 24-21 John moved to do a resolution for the year end paperwork, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 25-21 Byron moved for the Fiscal Officer to go ahead and ask for an Amend Cert for 2021, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Rob Lupah, Zoning Administrator, reported that several residential permits were issued this past month. The new Volvo Dealer was granted a permit for signage and the Family Dollar for parking.

Bill Wilms, Fire Chief, said we were awarded the MARC's grant for \$30,000.

Mike Petro, Road Supervisor, had quotes for beds to be put on the old 503 fire truck. John would like to have the quotes more itemized for material and labor for state bid. John asked to get prices for painting the old 503. The cement mixer needs a new engine. Mike reported they have been using a lot of grit with the recent weather conditions.

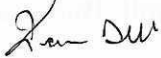
Jerry reported that he got the specs back from the County Engineers for the paving project on Forman Road. The Trustees will all go over the paperwork to make sure everything is in the specs before putting it out to bid. Byron reported that there is a NAD meeting and a zoning meeting this week. The mileage has been signed for by all Trustees for the County Engineers. Byron also spoke with Commissioner Kozlowski. The commissioners are looking at getting some Tiff money to help with the water treatment plant and to put up a marquee sign up by Route 90. John emailed the County Prosecutor about purchasing used equipment without having to go out for competitive bid. The County Prosecutor said it just has to be below \$50,000. John and Mike both had quotes

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for wood chippers. The ball park on the cost for a wood chipper is \$30,000 to \$40,000. The articles for the newsletter have been turned in for the spring newsletter.

The residents had nothing to discuss.

Res. 26-21 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman