

Austinburg Township
March 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lupah, Bill Wilms, Mike Kovacic, Ginny Seifert, Ted Seifert, Mike Petro and Prosecutor Colleen O'Toole.

Res. 40-21 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kular aye.

Res. 41-21 John moved to pay the bills, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kular, aye. Bills paid were \$32,412.70 and receipts were \$316,625.91.

We received an email from the Ashtabula County Health Department that they will hold the Annual Health District Advisory Council Meeting electronically on March 25, 2021. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. We received the Harpersfield Township newsletter. Jake Brand sent an email about the PY21/22 Community Development Implementation Strategy Meeting, which will occur on Friday, March 26, 2021 from 1:30-3:30.

The opening of the bids for the Forman Road paving project took place. Five bids were received for the paving project. Res. 42-21 John moved to accept Ronyak paving bid for both the base bid and the alternate bid for a total cost of \$213,097.00, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kular aye.

Prosecutor Colleen O'Toole visited our meeting. The Prosecutor gave an update on how her office is working on going digital with a system called Matrix for the way information/questions are received from the local governments. The Prosecutor also took questions from the Trustees as well as the residents that were in attendance.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lupah reported on issuing three permits: Family Dollar, Volvo Dealership and an above ground pool.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that fire truck 501 is out for service at Countryside. He also reported that the MARCS radios have to be partially paid for before ordering and the cost will be \$14,481.38 to Hudson Communication. This money will be coming back to the fire dept. once the grant is received.

Road Sup Mike Petro reported the boom mower is still at Bortnick's. He also reported that several trees in the Tote Road park need to be taken down.

Jerry had the specs for the roofing project on the old Township garage. The trustees will send the specs out to get bids on the roofing project. The bids will be opened May 3. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. NAD will be putting on a renewal levy. Byron reminded the Trustees we need to get mulch for under the playground equipment in the Township park. The roadmen will check the other swing set that is still up to see what condition it is in. Jerry will start getting prices on swing sets. Dave Bailey turned in his letter resigning from the zoning board effective May 31, 2021. With Dave Bailey stepping down that leaves the zoning board with only 4 members and a need for more members. John reported the newsletter is ready to go, but we just need to get the bulk mailing information. John read two quotes for mowing and weed spraying. Res. 43-21 Jerry moved to accept only the mowing bid from MC Professional Lawn Care for \$17,265.48, John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kular aye. John will look into the weed spraying to see how many times we would actually need it. The Austinburg Memorial Day parade will be May 31st at 11:00 am. Sandra O'Brien our State Senator will be the guest speaker after the Memorial Day parade. Cemetery Sexton Bill Wilms will order some new American flags for in town plus for the cemeteries.

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Resident Ted Seifert asked about spring cleanup day which is May 8th. Ted also asked about repairing the head stones in Austin Cemetery. The head stones will be repaired this summer.

Res.44-21 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman