

Austinburg Township Meeting
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explained that zoning meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 5:00 pm. Trustee John closed the special meeting at 7:15 pm.

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Mike Kovacic, Owen Stone, Pete Haase, Rob Lupah, Jacklyn Krysa Wanda Lahnman, Todd Mullen, Dave Bailey, S Bailey, Lorna Masek, Joe Hejduk Jr. and Mike Petro.

Res. 108-21 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 109-21 Jerry moved to pay the bills, John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$27,585.78 and receipts were \$23,654.50.

In terms of correspondence we received a letter from the Ohio Dept of Liquor Control stating that the sell of alcoholic beverages in our Township will expire Oct. 1, 2021. There is a new bed and breakfast opening at 1141 Orchard Grove. The Geneva School Supply Giveaway will be held on Aug 20, 2021. They are asking for donations. We received an email from the Ashtabula County Auditors office about the American Rescue Plan Funds. We also received an email from the Ashtabula County Auditors office about the Community Corrections and Rehabilitation Center that will be on the November Ballot.

Zoning Administer Rob Lupah had nothing extra to report from the special meeting.

Jerry will look into the American Rescue Plan Fund to see if we should apply. Jerry said he spoke with the County Engineers office in regards to a street light at Clay St and Sexton Rd. Jerry reported per the Illuminating Company that if a street light is put up, then the homeowners in the area would have to pay for it. John said he spoke with the County Engineers Office and they did a preliminary search. Per Ohio State Patrol most accidents happen during the day. The one issue they did find is a sight problem on the property on the South East corner. The County Engineers will speak with the home owner about removing the trees. Byron reported that there is a water issue on Timberwood Dr. and the resident would like the ditch cleaned. The Road Dept. will go down to see if this is a road issue or if the neighbor's pond is the issue. John reported that an underground line that runs through the Township park to drain the park and the church has a blockage. The line is from the old school that use to be on the property. The Township will put in a catch basin. ODOT will come out when we dig to help try to locate the blockage plus help to clean it out. Mike Petro reported that they are waiting on the catch basin and risers. John reported that our Township will be purchasing a trench box for safety. National Trench Box Safety has a program going on that they will pay up to 80% towards a trench box. There is a class Wednesday Aug. 4 on trench box safety. Res. 110-21 John moved to send all 3 road men to the trench box safety class and the cost will be \$135 per person, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Road Sup Mike Petro report that Pheasant Run will be double chip and sealed. Mike reported that the MAC rebuild will be ready for pickup in about 2 weeks and the truck looks good. Mike suggested the 99 International needs to be gotten rid of because of all the issues with it. Playground mulch has been put down. Jerry is still working on ordering a new swing set for the playground.

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The special Public Zoning Board hearing of Austinburg Township by the Board of Trustees opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. The hearing was in regards to the "Amendment to Zoning Resolution". At a meeting of the Township Zoning Commission held on the 19th day of July 2021, the Zoning commission passed a resolution on the proposed zoning map amendment changing the Use Classification of the following 2 properties:

Property #1:

Owner: Dowd Living Trust, William F. Dowd and Ann E. Dowd, Trustees
Property Address: 2864 Clay Street, Austinburg, Ohio
Tax Parcel ID#: 07-003-00-028-00
Current Classification: NC (Neighborhood Commercial)
Proposed Change: AC (Accommodating Commercial)

Property #2:

Owner: Joseph Hejduk Jr. and Nancy K. Hejduk
Property Address: 1933 State Route 45, Austinburg, Ohio
Tax Parcel ID#: 07-003-00-028-01
Current Classification: NC (Neighborhood Commercial)
Proposed Change: AC (Accommodating Commercial)

Residents attending included Jacklyn Krysa, Wanda Lahnan, Rob Lapuh, Sarah Frank, Mike Kovacic, Joe Hejduk Jr., S. Bailey, Dave Bailey, Todd Mullen, Susan Avsec, Larry Obhof, Lorna Masek, and Richard Magda.

John Kusar opened the meeting explaining that the Austinburg Zoning Commission had already had their Public Hearing. The Planning Commission for Ashtabula County also approved the changes to the property. So, the next step was for the Trustees to call for a Public Hearing and then after the meeting the proposed Amendment would be voted on by the Trustees. After the Trustees vote the changes will go into effect in 30 days unless someone challenges it with a voter referendum. Residents had several questions on how the traffic flow was going to handle, how much farther down into the town can business come in, and what could be done on changing the zoning laws. Zoning board member Jacklyn Krysa expressed concern because Austinburg Township doesn't have a growth plan. Jacklyn also explained that Zoning meetings are open to the public as well as they are always looking for new members. Zoning board of appeals Sue Avsec explained that letters were sent in regards to the residents which had land near the proposed change. Sue Avsec also explained some request were put out to Montrose in regards to put up full cut off lighting, the size of the signs, and planting trees as a buffer. Todd Mullen from Montrose spoke and explained that he grown up in this area. Todd reported the average traffic per day for the dealership would be about 100 cars. Todd said their business was all about helping to make the exit look better plus bringing jobs into our community. A resident expressed concern as to why another Dollar Store could be built in town. Zoning Administrator Rob Lupah explained that due to the zoning laws nothing can be done to stop the building of another Dollar Store. Trustee John Kusar explained because of the Ohio Revised Code it is very clear on what can be done with zoning. Todd Mullen also explained that he supports change to the zoning laws that would help keep improving the look of Austinburg Township. A resident questioned how could the zoning laws get changed. Again, Jacklyn Krysa explained that the community must get involved and express what they want to see happen in the Township. She also

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Res. 111-21 Byron moved to change property #1 at the address of 2864 Clay Street, Austinburg, Ohio and tax parcel ID#: 07-003-00-028-00 from neighborhood commercial to accommodating commercial, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye. Res. 112-21 Byron moved to change property #2 at the address 1933 State Route 45, Austinburg, Ohio and tax parcel ID#: 07-003-00-028-01 from neighborhood commercial to accommodating commercial, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye. John reminded everyone that now the Trustees have voted on the changes it will go into effect in 30 days unless someone challenges it with a voter referendum.

Resident Mrs. Bailey had questions on the laws regarding a property at 545 State Rt. 45 Austinburg which is supposedly an Airbnb. They are shooting off fireworks and guns at all hours.

Res. 113-21 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, absent. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman

