

Austinburg Township Meeting
August 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Mike Kovacic, Pete Haase, Rob Lupah, Dave Bailey, S Bailey, Lorna Masek and Brian O'Dell.

Res. 114-21 John moved to accept the minutes with the correction that Jerry spoke to a CEI rep and John spoke with the Ashtabula County engineer's office in regards to street lights at Clay St and Sexton, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal aye.

Res. 115-21 John moved to pay the bills, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal, aye. Bills paid were \$23,623.13 and receipts were \$2,007.69.

In terms of correspondence we received an email from the County Auditors office about out special lighting assessments expiring at the end of September. Sarah Fowler Arthur is hosting an elected official luncheon Wed. Aug. 18. We received a letter from the Ashtabula County Commissioners on a software program to help in collecting the bed tax. OTARMA is asking now wanting us to have insurance to cover ransomware attacks and cyber claims. There is a mandatory cyber application that must be filled out and sent back by Sept. 15.

Res.116-21 John moved to keep the Township special assessments in regards to our street lights, project numbers #21-026, #21-027, and #21-083 at the current rate, Byron seconded. The roll call; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal, aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lupah said he had issued some building permits. The question was asked what was going on with the Family Dollar store and Rob explained it seems to be at a standstill. John explained once we issue the zoning permit then it is pretty much out of our hands.

Jerry reported on the litter complaint on Clay St. The resident is asking for signs to be put up "No littering". However, it is a county road so the county will be handling it. Jerry report on the American Rescue Plan. John has looked at the application and explained on order to apply we would have to go back and apply for the Federal COVID money first. At this time our Township will not be applying for it. Jerry spoke with Mark Walker in regards to getting Lampson Road repaired. He said he would try to get to it soon.

Res. 117-21 John moved to vote on the OPWC District Seven-Official Ballot for 2021, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal aye.

Res. 118-21 Byron moved to support the improvements to our County broadband infrastructure with the County Commissioners, John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal aye.

Byron has asked the Fiscal Officer to check with the Ohio Auditors office in regards to setting up a lineup for donations for a construction of a new fire dept/community center. Byron reported that NAD has information and packets of Narcoma. Byron asked about filing the paperwork on the map change with the County Recorder. Rob and Sarah will handle it. John reported that the boom mower is broken again. Pete went and looked on the refurbished old 503. The truck looks good and should be finished any day. As soon as the ground at the church and the park dry up the drainage work will be started. John is going to get with Charles Armington to do up paperwork on purchasing a trench box from National Trench Safety, for somewhere between the cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000. However, that won't be our total cost because of the trenching program which will reduce the cost. All the bills and receipts from cleanup day have been

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turned in. The final cost of cleanup day was \$2,653.43. John suggested next year having the dumpsters be available early again to help get rid of the extra trash on cleanup day plus maybe look at accepting tires.

Resident Mrs. Bailey asked about working on a growth plan. It was explained that the zoning commission is where the growth plan comes from. Once there is a growth plan and the Township residents are made aware of it then it comes to the Trustees for a vote. Byron explained there are openings on the zoning commission. There was also discussion on how tax rates are calculated and what taxes go to what organizations in the county. Lorna Masek thanked the roadmen for mowing her hillside.

Res. 119-21 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, absent. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman