Austinburg Township Meeting September 7, 2021

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

Res. 120-21 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 121-21 Jerry moved to pay the bills, John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$109,222.49 and receipts were \$261,829.40.

In terms of correspondence we received an email about the Ashtabula County Township Assoc. meeting Sept. 16 at 6:30 at the Commissioners' meeting room. We received a notice that we need to decide on renewing our insurance policy with Medical Mutual for 2022. We have a grandfathered plan so our rate will only go up about 7.74% (\$500).

The Fiscal Officer received notice of the Official Certification of Estimated Resources from the Budget Commission authorizing estimated resources of \$1,354,341.53 for 2022. Res. 122-21 John moved to certify the Certification of Estimated Resources for 2022, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 123-21 John moved to stay with Medical Mutual for 2022, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the OS ratings are coming up for review. Bill would like to look at a Fire Truck that Ashtabula City is selling for \$60,000. It is a 2006 Pierce fire truck to possibly replace 501.

Jerry asked if we have received any grindings yet. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. Byron spoke with Ed Spoor from the Ashtabula County Water Dept. about maybe using the American Relief money to help with the sewer lines in our Township. The American Relief application has been filed. John reported that he hasn't heard back from the County about the intersection study at Clay and Sexton. John showed photos of the refurbished old 503 fire truck. The new dump truck is ready to go. We are just waiting on getting decals to put on the doors. John has been in touch with National Trench Safety and is waiting for a new quote on a trench box with other accessories.

Res. 124-21 John moved to order 2 truckloads of salt from Arms Trucking for \$78.15 a ton, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye. Still need to get ice grits ordered.

Res. 125-21 John moved to sell the 1999 International 4900 Dump Truck and the old salt spreader of a minimum bid of \$4,500, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye. Bids will be opened Monday, October 18 at 7:30 pm.

John has been in contact with the County Commissioners about the bed tax collection. They are using a computer service to scan the internet for bed and breakfast, Airbnb etc. to see where they are at to get the bed tax.

Resident S. Bailey asked for clarification on why our Township doesn't have jurisdiction over county roads. S. Bailey asked if zoning can ask the new car dealership to put a driveway in only off Clay St. John explained that is up to the company since they own so much property. Lorna Masek asked what happened to some of the speed limit signs on Lampson Road.

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Res. 126-21 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

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Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer

John Kusar, Board Chairman