

Austinburg Township Meeting
October 18, 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, Rob Lupah, Owen Stone, Bill Wilms, Daniel Wilms, David Gottwig, Teresa Gottwig, Noah Johnson, Carl Gunther and Brian O'Dell.

Res. 138-21 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kular aye.

Res. 139-21 Jerry moved to pay the bills, John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kular, aye. Bills paid were \$35,771.21 and receipts were \$8,769.16.

No bids were received for the purchase of the International Dump Truck.

In terms of correspondence we received an email from the Ashtabula County Township Association that the next meeting is Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Ashtabula County Commissioners meeting room. We received our renewal policy for buildings and equipment insurance from OTRMA. We received our American Relief Fund money for \$109,883.86.

Res. 140-21 John moved to stay with OTRMA for our buildings and equipment insurance, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kular aye.

Zoning Administer Rob Lupah had nothing to report. The Trustees asked Rob to reach out to the property owners of the old Stuff Toy Store at the intersection of 45 and 307 to get the building secured before Halloween.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the fire trucks are getting pump tested. The Fire Chief is working on the OSA ratings.

Jerry reported and handed out the ditch permits for the Trustees to look over. Still working on getting cold patch back from ODOT to replace what we used on Lampson Road because of State Route 45 detour this past summer. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. Ambulance calls are currently down. Byron spoke with the water department and they are working on replacing the water lines on State Route 45. John reported that ODOT is aware of the broken manhole cover on the South West corner of 45 and 307. Still working on the drainage issues with the church and park. John went over the 2 Ice Grits quotes.

Res. 141-21 John moved to go with Nelson Sand & Gravel for \$15.00 per ton delivered to the road department, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kular aye. The internet at the road department is in and the old laptop computer will be taken to the road department for their use.

State Representative Sarah Fowler Arthur reported on the Capital Budget. Any requests for the Capital Budget need to be in by Dec. 1, 2021. Sarah reported on improvements to infrastructure and broadband. John asked about getting an additional stop light at 90/45 Eastbound. Sarah said that the Trustees would have to go through ODOT and request a new study for the possible need. Byron asked if there is a franchise fee coming back to the Townships from the broadband/internet companies. Resident Teresa Gottwig asked about getting a turn light for left hand turns at Clay Street and 45.

Resident David Gottwig asked who's responsible for removing a tree by the road. The road department will go look to see if it is in the road right away or on the home owner's property. David also asked about how far business could come into the town. S. Bailey talked about "progressive planning". S. Bailey also asked about who was responsible for taking care of the Tote Road park.

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Res. 142-21 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman