

Austinburg Township Meeting
February 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:33 pm. In attendance were Rob Lupah, Ted Seifert, Ginny Seifert, Brian O'Dell, Bill Wilms, Jeremy Hall, and Sherry Bailey.

Res. 35-22 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 36-22 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$27,220.42 and receipts were \$21,409.65.

In terms of correspondence we received an email we have been granted the NOPEC Community grant for \$500 to use towards Spring Clean Up Day. Ashtabula County Township Assoc will meet Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Ashtabula County Engineers Office.

Fiscal Officer reported the End of the Year report has been submitted to the Ohio Checkbook online. A notice of our End of Year report has been sent to the Star Beacon. The Fiscal Officer asked that the Trustees do an Annual Appropriation Resolution for the End of the Year for 2021. The Fiscal Officer will be asking the County Auditor's Office for a new Amend Certification since the end of the year has been completed for 2021.

Res. 37-22 John moved to do a resolution for the year end paperwork, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 38-22 John moved for the Fiscal Officer to go ahead and ask for an Amend Cert for 2022, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lupah reported on issuing a few permits. Rob submitted a list to the Trustees for the Land Bank to look over to see what can be cleaned up.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the Fire Dept. is doing fine.

Cemetery Sexton Bill Wilms reported on Indigent Burial. He reported that we had one in January and that we need to check on how to get reimbursed for this cost.

Pete reported on checking on a mailbox issue on Forman Road. Need to order more grit and salt for the Township. John reported he told the road sup to go ahead and order because we have open PO's to order the supplies we need. Looking to order tire chains for the road grader plus the manifold has crack in it. Road sup is looking into how to repair the manifold. John reported on the possibility of getting a new truck for the Township because at this point they aren't expecting any state bids at this time. John checked into a sidewalk grant but we don't qualify for the grant because most of the kids don't walk to school. John checked on a crack on Route 45 and Industrial Parkway which is a possible problem because that is where the sewer line is. The Township Road Dept. will keep an eye on it to see if it gets worse. The County Water Dept. has been notified of the problem. John reported the trench box has been picked up. Now we just have to finish up the trench box grant so the Township can get reimbursed. John checked with Volvo dealer at the highway; they are state bid however Mac isn't. John reviewed our Township policy in regards to replacing mailboxes. If the mailbox is hit by our truck or plow, then Township is responsible for replacing it. If the mailbox is taken down by the snow, then that isn't our problem. This is the same policy that the ODOT and County Road Dept. use. The information will be put in the newsletter so all of the residents are aware of the policy. John reviewed the letter that will be sent to the other surrounding Townships in regards to interest in doing a Fire District. John reported on cleanup day.

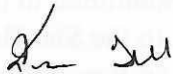
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Res. 39-22 John moved to accept Penn Ohio's bid for cleanup day, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

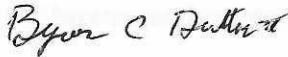
Byron reported on attending the NAD meeting. NAD has started their membership drive for 2022.

Resident Ginny Seifert thanked the Township Road Dept. for all of their hard work during the snow storms. Jeremy Hall was introduced as the newest member of the Zoning Variance Board. Sherry Bailey asked how many times the Township newsletter is sent out. The newsletter is sent out once a year near the end of April. Sherry Bailey reported the Zoning Board is putting an article in the Township newsletter.

Res. 40-22 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Byron Dutton, Board Chairman