Austinburg Township Meeting
May 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Mike Kovacic, Rob Lupuh, Lorna Masek, Bill Wilms, Brian O'Dell, Laurie Robishaw and Joe Hejduk.

Res. 80-22 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 81-22 John moved to pay the bills, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were $22,643.82 and receipts were $282.33.

In terms of correspondence we received an email from the Ashtabula County Township Association that their next meeting is Thursday May 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Ashtabula County Engineer's Office. OTRMA is looking for someone to serve on the board of directors. In the matrix from the County Prosecutor office the language for the Townhall rental agreement is good. Also, the inquiry about the 2022 Procurement Policy in regards to the American Relief Fund has been approved.

Res. 82-22 John moved to use the ARPA funds to pay the Road Dept workers, wages, Medicare, and OPERS until the $110,322.54 is used up, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The Fiscal Officer reported that per the Ashtabula County Prosecutors office the agreement we have currently in place to rent out the Townhall is good. The Fiscal Officer also reported that she sent an inquiry to the Ashtabula County Prosecutors office in regards to fuel surge charges for stone delivery that was public bid.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lupuh reported that it has been quiet two weeks with zoning. Rob reported that Fire Chief Bill Wilms and himself are currently attending the Fire Code class this week.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that fire truck 501 needs a new light bar.

Res. 83-22 John moved to have Hudson Communications purchase the equipment needed to update the light bar and brow light plus install it for $2,557.50, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Pete reported he is still waiting to get quotes back in regards to updating the Fire Dept and Townhall electric switch. The swing set is in and will be put up shortly in the park. John turned in the signed contract for Koski in regards to Ravinewood. John also spoke with Koski and we are now allowed to use the driveway to the North of the Road Dept. The barriers will be taken down and we will do the mowing. This was on a hand shake agreement. Memorial Day parade and ceremony is all set to go for May 30, 2022. Bryon reported on the NAD meeting and it was reported that NAD will be on pace to set a record year for number of ambulance runs. The water line advisory board will meet May 19, 2022. Byron sent a letter of support from the Trustees in regards to help secure funds to help expand the Coffee Creek Wastewater Facility. Cleanup Day went well with 5 dumpsters of trash being filled along with 2 loads of scrap. Bryon reported that Clara Bratt asked if the Township could do a letter in regards to what impact cleaning up the old gas station in town would have now that it is a going to be a coffee shop. The Ashtabula Bookmobile will be using the east side parking lot of the Townhall every 2 weeks.

Resident Joe Hejduk questioned why nothing is getting done with cleaning up the building opposite the new coffee shop. Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh will send a letter again asking them to clean it and mow especially before Memorial Day. Laurie Robishaw was introduced as having interest in joining the Zoning Commission.

Res. 84-22 Byron moved to accept Laurie Robishaw as an alternate to the Zoning Commission Board, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Lorna Masek asked about what the talk was about in regards to the District Advisory Council with the Health Department possibly disbanding.

Res. 85-22 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer

Byron Dutton, Chairman