

Austinburg Township Meeting
June 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Ed Pizzuto, Cindy Pizzuto, Karen Hurts, Vilma Irons, Albert Irons, Doug Royon, Sandy Royon, Dave Irons, Clifton Skaggs, Tina McCoy, Danny Theiss, Paige Deherian Theiss, Christine Harrison, Nelson Hejduk, Marcy Hejduk, Amanda Ensman, David Thomas, Melissa O'Connell, Keith O'Connell, Joe Hejduk, Mike Kovacic, Bill Ballentine, Susan Avsec, Sheila Arth, Sharon Fraisher, Julie Shaughnessy, Rob Lapuh, Owen Stone, Eileen Stone, and Jeff Piatek.

Res. 94-22 John moved to accept the minutes with the correction that the quote on the brush hog was for a new brush hog, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 95-22 John moved to pay the bills, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$15,226.92 and receipts were \$1,621.83.

County Commissioner Casey Kozlowski explained what a Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) is. Paperwork was passed out to the Trustees with wording and examples of a TIF. The proposal would be to take 75% of the increase of building improvements up to 10 years. The money received from this can only be used in Austinburg Township. The money would be first used to make improvements to the Coffee Creek Water Treatment plant. Pete expressed his concerns on getting an email that this was going to start within two weeks instead of being notified in person. First Pete asked where the 75% goes and it was explained that it will go into a fund to be used for improvements in the Township. Byron asked how will this TIF impact the residents in Austinburg Township that have sewer. Bryon was concerned if the tap in fees to the sewer would increase because of a TIF. Casey explained that hopefully the tap in fee would stay the same and try not to increase it. John questioned the amount of money that could be coming in with the new businesses. John would like to see Saybrook also have a TIF because the sewers from the highway in Saybrook also come down to the Coffee Creek Water Treatment plant. Casey explained that he is also working with putting in a possible TIF in Harpersfield. The floor was opened to the residents to ask questions. Ashtabula County Auditor David Thomas was also in attendance to help explain tax questions. Casey asked that the Trustees do up a list of concerns and wants in regards to the TIF and get them to him as soon as possible, so he can review them.

In terms of correspondence we received an email from the Ashtabula County Engineers Office that Cork Cold Springs road – Austinburg Twp. - between Tote Rd and St Route 45 will be closed daily June 21 – July 30, 2022 8:00 am – 4:00 pm for road widening and trenching. We received an email from the Ashtabula Township Assoc that the Annual Fish Fry will be Saturday July 9th from 12:00pm - 5:00pm at the Rome Fire Hall. We received an email from the Ashtabula County Health Dept that there will be a Special Emergency meeting of the Ashtabula County Combined Health District Advisory Council on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. in the basement meeting room of the Ashtabula County Health Department. We received a postcard informing us that the Northeast Ohio Housing Conference will be held Oct. 13th & 14th at the Geneva Lodge.

Fiscal Officer reported that America's Best Value Inn bed tax will come directly to us rather than run through the County. The reason is because the system the County is using can't divide the bed tax between two Townships which affects Saybrook Township and us.

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Zoning administrator Rob Lapuh reported on a new pavilion and a new home going up in the Township.

Pete said he would attend the Ashtabula County Combined Health District Advisory Council meeting. Pete reported that the cost of the electric project will go up because it was discovered that there needs to be another breaker added. John reported that the paving project for Ravinwood Drive is complete except for one place that needs fixed. Koski Construction went over in cost because they actually laid down 1 5/8 inches of black top instead of the quoted 1 1/2 inches. After getting with the County Engineers Office to see what we should do, it was decided that we would pay for the material but not the labor. The additional cost will be \$11,700.78.

Res. 96-22 John moved to pay the additional \$11,700.78 to Koski Construction, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

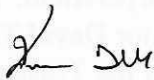
Res. 97-22 John moved to get go with the ASAP quote on portable restrooms and extra cleanings for \$924.00 for Austinburg County Days, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Byron reported that we should be hearing from the County on Round 36 OPWC grant shortly. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. Zoning has a meeting Wednesday June 22. Byron asked the County Engineers Office about the cost of the piping that will be needed for the Forman Road project. The County said they estimated higher on the piping knowing that there may be a price increase this year. Our next meeting will be Tuesday July 5th because July 4th is on Monday.

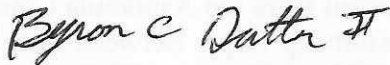
John asked the County Auditor David Thomas how we could get a good mailing list from the auditor's office to help with getting our newsletters to all residents.

The residents had no questions or concerns.

Res. 98-22 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Byron Dutton, Board Chairman