Austinburg Township Meeting November 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh and Brian O'Dell.

Res. 156-22 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 157-22 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$245,518.62 and receipts were \$2,404.67.

In terms of correspondence we received the Ashtabula County Emergency Management contract for 2023. We were also notified that the Trench Grant paperwork is all complete and closed out. We received the 2022 Legal Defense & Claim Payment Agreement and Governmental Property Agreement declaration from OTARMA for our insurance coverage. We received an election ballot for the OTARMA Board of Directors. We received an email form Burnham & Flower Ins in regards to the HRA for next year the plan costs are the same as last year. We received paperwork from Delta Dental in regards to next years dental plan. The dental benefits will be the same cost as last year.

The Fiscal Officer asked for an approval to the reallocation of the funds in the General Fund that were done to cover health care cost.

Res. 158-22 John moved to approve the reallocation of the funds in the General Fund, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. The Fiscal Officer reported that the Ashtabula County Auditor office has asked to reduce our bond levy on the Fire Truck from 1mil to .75mil starting in 2023. After some discussion and looking at the numbers it was agreed upon to go ahead and reduce the levy. The Township can reduce the levy because of our increase in our tax base.

Res. 159-22 John moved to go with the Ashtabula County Emergency Management contract for 2023, Byron seconded. We were also notified that the Trench Grant paperwork

Zoning Administrator Rob Lupah reported there is a new business going in the old Grange building on State Route 307.

Fire Chief no report.

Road Supervisor no report.

Pete had nothing to report. John said he spoke with Cindy Hejduk about blocking off the renting of the Townhall for the month of July so painting and repairs can be done. John was notified that a tree limb came down in the park/parking lot and took out a street light. John said the residents cleaned up the limb and Kim Wolfe was contacted to repair the light.

Res. 160-22 John moved that for the year of 2022 that all 3 roadmen can roll their vacation days over to 2023 because of unforeseen circumstances, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

John reported that the salt grits were delivered and seem to be working well.

Res. 161-22 John moved to pay a \$600 reimbursement to Bill Wilms and Mike Petro toward their cell phones, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 162-23 John moved to give Mike Petro \$650, Bill Wilms \$600 and John Luban \$550 for their Christmas stipend, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Byron reported on the NAD meeting. Byron would like to get an AD written up for the paper looking to hire a part time road person. Byron would like to get a list together of

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the broken fire hydrants so it can be turned into Doug Starkey at the Water Dept to get them repaired.

The residents had nothing for discussion.

Res.163-22 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

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Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer

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Byron Dutton, Board Chairman