

Austinburg Township Mins
January 16, 2024

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. 28-24 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 29-24 John moved to pay the bills, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$18,362.78 and receipts were \$64,353.85.

In terms of correspondence we received a letter from ASAP that the monthly rate for the portable restroom in the park will now be \$185.00 a month. We received a letter from Ashtabula County Recorder Barb Schaab in regards to fees for filing zoning documents and resolutions. We received a letter from the Ashtabula County Auditors Office stating that they have certified the Tax Year for 2023 and the bills will be in the mail shortly. Payments of property taxes are due by February 23, 2024.

The Fiscal Officer reported she took part in the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Ohio NEU program update web meeting on January 10. Just a note that even when the funds are used up we still must fill out the report until the program is officially closed.

Res. 30-24 John moved to stay with the Ashtabula County Sheriffs Dept for the Fire Department dispatching, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that Todd Mullen said they will be breaking ground this spring for a new Montrose car lot. Rob also gave a report of revenue on what was brought in for revenue from zoning permits, etc. The total amount was \$6,252,24. Pete told Rob that starting this year every time Rob issues a zoning permit he must notify the building department. This is to help better communicate between our Zoning Dept and the Ashtabula County Building Dept.

Fire Chief no report.

Road Dept. no report.

John requested we reach out to Burnham and Flower again because we need to go over the new insurance plus we would like hard copies of the insurance for all employees. John reached out to Painesville Publishing in the Industrial Park and Gazette printing about doing our Township newsletter. John discussed what we should do about landscaping and mowing for the Township parks, Townhall and cemeteries. John will first reach out to MC Lawncare who has been our company. John also wrote up a letter in regards to our business growth and issues of traffic on Route 45. The letter will be sent to our State Representatives and our State Senators. Byron reported that the Engineers Office is still putting in the new water line on Pelton Road. Pete said he spoke with Tim at the Engineers Office about the salt grant. The Engineers Office will fill it out since it involves keeping salt and other items used for keeping the roads clear of ice and snow out of the watershed. Pete got prices on salt sheds.

There were no questions or concerns from the residents.

Res. 31-24 Pete moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman