

Austinburg Township Mins
February 5, 2024

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh, Bill Wilms, Ginny Seifert and Ted Seifert.

Res. 32-24 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 33-24 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 Dearborn Life Ins Co that there will be no changes in the Life Insurance rates this year. We received a phone call from Representative Mike Loychik's office in regards to the letter the Trustees sent about the traffic issue on Route 45. Representative Mike Loychik will contact ODOT and start the process to see what can be done to help with the traffic flow. We received an email from the County Commissioners about the Remote Area Medical clinic which will be held April 13-14 at Lakeside High School. We received a letter about an Ashtabula County Subdivision Regulator Update on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at the Commissioners meeting room in Jefferson from 4:00pm – 6:00pm. We received a letter from the Department of Commerce in regards to Ohio's Cable TV. They sent information on the Cable TV Consumer Hotline.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that he issued two building permits: one for JCI and another for an electrical contractor on Mill Creek. Rob reported that there is a chance that Loudermilk may be moving up to a lot on Route 45 with the Montrose car lot.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported the SCBAs will be getting tested this month. Bill has applied for a couple of grants however he received notice we didn't get the MARCs grant. Bill reported that the fire department is already at 42 calls this year. Bill asked if we had anyone that could help the Fire Dept look into what would work like an iPad or tuff book that can be used on fire calls.

Road Dept no report.

John reported that he has gotten a couple of prices for printing the newsletter. The biggest issue is getting the newest list of addresses. John said we need to start thinking of what we want to put in the newsletter. John has started collecting business cards from our local business to have them put on the Township website. John brought up about getting ready to get the information out for stone bids.

Res. 34-24 John moved to open stone bids Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Townhall, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

John heard back from Penn Ohio in regards to his price for the portable restroom in the park because of the price increase with ASAP. Penn Ohio also said they could handle getting the portable restrooms for Austinburg Country Days.

Res. 35-24 John moved to go with Penn Ohio starting March 1st for the portable restroom in the Township park for \$168, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

John spoke with MC Lawncare and they said they weren't going to increase their prices this year. The tentative agreement is every other week for the cemeteries and the park every week until the end of September. John discussed the power broom and how we would make it work for our equipment.

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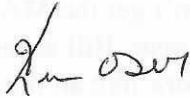
Res. 36-24 John moved to purchase the Power Broom from Chris Petranic for \$8,000, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Byron reported that NAD meets Tuesday Feb.6 and a there is Zoning meeting Wednesday Feb. 7. The Township has received several calls on dead animals on the side of the road. Byron contacted the County Road Dept because the dead animals were located on county roads. Per the County Road Dept they will no longer clean up dead animals on the county roads. Byron will go over and sign the mileage report also because two Trustees need to sign it and Pete already did. The new water line on North Pelton will be surveyed in the next few weeks. There is a Water Line Advisor meeting Wednesday Feb. 7 at 2:30 pm. Byron asked for a copy of our expense and revenues from last year. Byron will check when he is in Jefferson with Ashtabula County Engineers Office to see where we are on the OPWC Round 38 because we haven't heard anything back.

Pete turned in the grant to try and get a new salt bin. We are still waiting for a part for the generator but we are good to put the generator in place.

Residence Rob Lapuh was approached by a lady who would like to put here information on our Township website. The lady works with mental health issues and addiction. Rob will forward the info on to John. Ted Seifert asked for a copy of our Township work rules since they are public record.

Res. 37-24 Byron moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman