

Austinburg Township Minutes  
May 6, 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, Ted Seifert, Joe Hejduk Jr., and Genny Costazo.

**Res. 78-24** John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

**Res. 79-24** John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$56,375.08 and receipts were \$13,860.66.

In terms of correspondence we received an email from the Ashtabula County Township Assoc that their next meeting is Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m at the Ashtabula County Engineer's Office. We received an invitation from the Ashtabula Regional Medical Center for their ribbon cutting Thursday, May 13 at 11:00 am. We received a letter from the Ashtabula County Board of Elections asking if we know of anyone interested in becoming a poll worker on Election Day.

The Fiscal Officer asked for approval on an invoice for the Fire Dept for radio supplies for \$4,242.30 to Hudson Communications. This bill will be submitted to the Ohio Dept of Commerce because it should be covered under a grant the Fire Dept received from the state earlier this year.

**Res. 80-24** John moved to pay the bill of \$4,242.30 to Hudson Communications for radio supplies, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

The Fiscal Officer asked for approval on an invoice for the road department for work completed on the front-end loader for \$5,737.50 to Petro's Services.

**Res. 81-24** John moved to pay the bill of \$5,737.50 to Petro's Services, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

The Fiscal Officer asked for a Resolution to Proceed in regards to the 1 mil replacement levy for Roads and Bridges.

**Res. 82-24** Byron moved to proceed with the 1 mil replacement levy for the Roads and Bridges this November 2024, John seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

We had a guest speaker from NOPEC, Genny Costanzo. Genny spoke about what the current rates are for electric. Genny said we received the Community Grant of \$500 that will be used for the Township Clean up Day. Genny said that everything has been approved for the Energy Grant this year and by the year's end we have to use \$1,935 of the \$8,002.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the bill from Hudson Communications for new MARCS papers will be paid for under the Ohio Dept of Commerce grant.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that there is a new residence going up on Woodside Dr. Rob reported that the old Conneaut Savings bank is now going to be the Ashtabula County Visitors Center. Rob spoke with the resident at 2690 Clay St in regards to the pile of stuff in the back yard. They will be using Clean Up Day to help get rid of the stuff. Ted Seifert asked about the new sign at the coffee shop in town. Rob said it was put exactly where the old sign was and it follows the size guidelines for signs in the Township. Ted Seifert asked if Rob had any luck in reaching out to the resident on Mill St in regards to cleaning up their residence. Unfortunately, Rob hasn't been able to contact with him.

Road Dept no report.

John reported on checking with the Andover Bank in regards to CD's and rates. John felt we should keep some of the money local because they are a business in our community as well as several of their employees live in our community. John suggested that we put \$100,000 in the STAR Ohio account at a current rate of 5.14% that fluctuates John would then like to see us put \$100,000 in a 6-month CD and \$100,000 in a 30-day CD at 5.05% for both CDs.

**Res. 83-24** John moved to put \$100,000 in the STAR Ohio fund, \$100,000 in a 30-day CD, \$100,000 for 6 months and that both CD's just roll over if we don't need them, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

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John also said the dumpsters are already there for Clean Up Day this Saturday and residents can start using them. Byron reported that he went to Saybrook Township to get a copy of their road department policy as well as their medical policy for their employees. Byron reported that there is a problem with tilling down Glenwood Dr. because the property is so close to the road right away. Byron spoke with the property owner and he is willing to work with the Township on getting the ditching done to help all the residents down on Glenwood Dr. Byron said that the Rock Creek VFW will be at Memorial Day.

Res. 84-24 John moved to pay the Rock Creek VFW \$50 to help cover their price of the ammunition they use for our Memorial Day service, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser aye.

Byron is trying to find some younger people to help with Clean Up Day. Pete reported that we didn't make the cut for the first round of grant money from the Chloride Reduction Grant. Pete is still working on the paperwork for Round 39 of the OPWC grant. Pete was still looking at the take away ditch down by Ravinewood Dr.

Resident Joe Hejduk Jr. asked about who was mowing the Township park. John explained the mowing schedule. Joe Hejduk Jr. said he will be there to help with Clean Up Day.

Res. 85-24 Pete moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman