

Austinburg Township Minutes

August 19, 2024

The Public Hearing meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by John Kusar in regards to 820 Interstate 90 Overlay District. In attendance were Rob Lapuh and Laurie Robishaw. Trustee John Kusar called to reconvene the public hearing from July 15, 2024. The Zoning Administrator and the Zoning Commission recommended accepting the following recommendation. The Interstate 90 Overlay District which includes both the Accommodation Commercial District (AC) and the Industrial Office Park District (IOP) that "The maximum height of structures and buildings in the AC and IO/C overlay will be 65 feet total from the base of the structure's ground level. The measurement of the height should include rooftop signs, HVAC roof systems, and any other rooftop equipment or supporting structures." The Austinburg Township Zoning Commission has addressed the residents concerns from the 7/15/24 Public Hearing. Trustee John Kusar moved to close the public hearing. It was closed at 7:25 pm.

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh, Ginny Seifert, Lorna Masek, Mike Petro and Laurie Robishaw.

Res. 128-24 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 129-24 Byron moved to pay the bills, John seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$14,023.41 and receipts were \$293,766.51

In terms of correspondence we received a letter from the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival asking if we would cover the cost of a portable restroom at Mechanicsville Bridge for the festival Oct. 12, 13 and 14.

Res. 130-24 John moved to pay for the portable restroom at Mechanicsville Bridge, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 131-24 John moved to accept the Zoning Commission's recommendations for height and overlay district, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

John said he has received several phone calls in regards to strip malls.

Res. 132-24 John moved to forward a letter to the Zoning Commission to start looking into regulations and recommendations on strip malls, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that he issued an accessory building permit on River Glen Dr. and a new sign permit. There is a records request for Victory Honda. John asked if the temporary storage containers will be removed soon? Rob reported that they are in the process of moving them out.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms no report.

Road Supervisor Mike Petro reported that we will need a new tire on the Ford tractor. Mike reported they are getting ready to chip n seal Forman Road plus they need to get the vegetation sprayed along the road. Mike said he is out of concrete grindings so he needs to look at getting something to help replace that as a filler for different jobs. Orchard Grove ditch issue has been addressed and worked on.

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John spoke with David Thomas our County Auditor in regards to our funds. John explained we are trying to save money back because of the road issues that must be addressed in the next couple of years at Route 90. The County Auditor suggested that we just up our chip n seal another 2 miles to help keep us on track with incoming taxes. David Thomas suggested we reach out to his office as State Representative and Dave Joyce after the new year to see about getting help in fixing the road issues up at Route 90. John stated that before we can approach the other government offices in the new year we need to have the County Engineers draw up plans for fixing the issues at the highway.

Res. 133-24 John moved to add 2 more miles of chip n seal this year, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

John started looking at what it would cost to rent a chipper when and if we need one rather than buy one. Road Sup Mike Petro said that in the next couple of years we need to cut back some of the road canopies. It was discussed about maybe even hiring the job out rather than rent a chipper and a bucket truck.

Res. 134-24 John moved to update our account with Sunbelt rental, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye. John reminded Road Sup. Mike Petro if we ever do rent to make sure to get the additional insurance to cover the Township.

Res. 135-24 John moved to sale the old wood chipper on Gov Deals with a minimum bid of \$1,500, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Byron reported on NAD. Byron asked how we could see the STAR bank interest we have earned. The Fiscal Officer reported it shows on the bank reconciliation the Trustees sign every month.

Pete said we were again denied for the Chloride Reduction grant.

Resident Laurie Robishaw asked how does zoning handle a lot variance. The Trustees explained that variances go through the Zoning Board of Appeals. If the Zoning Board of Appeals find something that keeps coming up to be an issue or request they may write a letter to the Trustees. The Trustees may have the Zoning Commision visit the issue and look to see if something needs changed in the zoning codes.

Res. 136-24 Pete moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer

Pete Haase, Chairman

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