

Austinburg Township Minutes
September 3, 2024

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

Res. 137-24 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 138-24 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$41,758.50 and receipts were \$24,983.43.

In terms of correspondence we received a voicemail in regards to a person seeing several Brown Recluse spiders in the Township park. We received the Harpersfield Township newsletter. We received a postcard in regards to the Walk to End Alzheimer's Saturday, September 14th. We received an email that Carl Williams, Pierpont Township Trustee, passed away.

The Fiscal Officer reported that we have \$1,935.15 to use up by 11/30/24 from the NOPEC grant. We received notice that our vision insurance with VSP won't go up and is locked in until 2028. We received notice that our renewal date for the medical insurance with Anthem will renew on 9/1/24. There will be an 8% increase. However, Joslin and Landis will become the agency of record on 9/1/24 and they were able to get the increase to only 5%. Once Joslin and Landis take over on 9/1/24 we can then start at looking at other options for medical insurance if need be. The Fiscal Officer reported on the meeting with Spectrum for cameras, Internet, cyber security and other features. The Fiscal Officer has calls out to the EMA office, Hudson Communications and Vector Security in regards to cameras and phone lines.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that he has issued a zoning permit for a pole barn. Rob has been asked about the house beside Noema Gems. They are curious if they tear it down can they rebuild. At this point in time they will not be able to tear it down and rebuild because of our current zoning rules.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms no report.

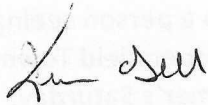
Road Supervisor Mike Petro no report.

John reported he was working on drafting a letter to the County Engineers office in regards to the upcoming paving project on Forman Road. John will write up the letter and have the rest of the Trustees approve it before it is sent out. John needs to get the addresses for the cemeteries. Then the Trustees can write a letter in regards to mowing the cemeteries for next year so they can go out to bid in January 2025. John spoke with the road guys and Anthony will be their liaison for the medical insurance. John is setting up a meeting with Joslin and Landis for himself, Anthony and the Fiscal Officer to attend. John said he checked with the County about how many sick days a person gets when they retire. In general, the County employee rule is 140 hours which we already honor more than that in our Township policy. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. Byron said they are starting to set up negotiation meetings with the NAD employees. Byron said the Trustees need to get the letter ready to go out in regards to the new levy going on the November election. The Trustees are paying for the postcards that will be going out to the Austinburg residents, so the funds will not be coming out of the Township funds. Pete is confirming the dates of the chip n seal at the Townhall to make sure it doesn't conflict with anyone using the Townhall. Pete said he and Byron went to the ground break of the sewer plant addition that cost+ a little over 11 million dollars. The TIF money that was put

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in place a few years ago will cover the increase that would have affected the Austinburg residents that have sewers. The North Pelton water line plans are at the EPA waiting for approval. The Township will be covering the cost of 3 fire hydrants to be put in place on the water lines.

Res. 139-24 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman