

Austinburg Township Minutes
October 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were David Gottwig, Ginny Seifert, Ted Seifert, Lorna Masek, Tiffany Miller, Bill Wilms, Mike Petro and Brian O'Dell.

Res. 152-24 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 153-24 John moved to pay the bills, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$45,077.12 and receipts were \$13,373.41.

In terms of correspondence we received an email there was an Ashtabula County Township Assoc meeting on October 17, 2024. We received an email about the 2024 NOPEC General Assembly Meeting that will be held at 10:30 a.m. on November 12 at the Hilton Garden Inn of Twinsburg in the Wilcox Ballroom, 8971 Wilcox Dr., Twinsburg, OH 44087. Road Preservation Techniques That Maximize Budgets will be held on Nov. 21st 2024 from 8:30am to 2:00pm at The Grand Resort 9519 East Market Street Warren, OH 44484.

The Fiscal Officer reported on the water and sewer bill that was extremely high from what appears to be a toilet left running. The Fiscal Officer is asking for an unintentional high-water consumption adjustment request. The Fiscal Officer reported that both the one-month CD and the six-months CD need to be reviewed because they will both end in the middle of November. The Fiscal Officer reported that a new laptop and new printer will be coming in February from the State. The Fiscal Officer did create a Matrix request for job descriptions but nothing has come back yet.

Res. 154-24 John moved to apply for the unintentional high-water consumption adjustment request in regards to the Townhall address account, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Mike Petro said he thinks the issue might have been a leak we had in the Township park. John wants the water company to come out and show us where the meters are for the water. The Fiscal Officer will set up a meeting with the water company to meet with Road Sup Mike Petro.

Res. 155-24 John moved to move the one-month CD into a six-months CD plus redo the six-months CD for another term, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Zoning Administrator no report.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported the fire trucks will be going in for pump tests. Ladder testing will be done by the end of November.

Road Supervisor Mike Petro had another price for rock salt.

John went over the 2 quotes for salt and ice grits. Mike reported that two of the back-pack blowers have died. Mike will look around to see what there is to purchase.

Res. 156-24 John moved to go with Arms Trucking for \$77.75 a ton for rock salt delivered to the road department, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 157-24 John moved to go with Simak Trucking for \$24.50 a ton for ice grits delivered to the road department, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

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Byron reported the postcard in regards to the new road department levy has been mailed out. The information on the levy was also in the Star Beacon. Byron said at the Township Association meeting the health department was there asking the Townships what they thought about frontage and acreage on lot sizes. The reason for the discussion is because of the needs for septic systems. Pete and Byron attended the ODOT meeting. Route 307 from Harpersfield to Austinburg will be chip n sealed. Bryon said they went out and looked for the orphaned well on Lampson but they couldn't locate it. Pete reported that the OPWC grant Round 39 paperwork will be turned in Tuesday. The street lights in town should be getting fixed shortly

Tiffany Miller is the real estate agent for a property in the Township. The homeowners found out there is an issue with their property line. The homeowners have lived in the house for over 40 years. The Trustees went over the next steps that need to be done to get the issue resolved.

Res. 158-24 John moved to wave the ZBA fee if a variance should be needed, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

David Gottwig announced that zoning will be moving their meeting time to 6:00 pm starting Wednesday Dec. 4. Ted Seifert went over the road frontage and why it was done at 250 feet because he was on the zoning committee at the time they put it into effect.

John announced we were going into executive session to discuss personnel job classifications.

Res. 159-24 John moved to go into executive session at 8:15 pm to go over personnel matters, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 160-24 John moved to come out of executive session at 8:39 pm, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

No Business was discussed.

Res. 161-24 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman