

Austinburg Township Minutes
November 4, 2024

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

Res. 162-24 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal aye.

Res. 163-24 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal, aye. Bills paid were \$26,173.57 and receipts were \$3,899.15.

In terms of correspondence we received an email from the office of Frank LaRose, the Ohio Secretary of State, to make sure to read up on Issue 1. We received an email from Delta Dental that there will be a 13.5 % increase next year for dental insurance. The Fiscal Officer has already reached out to Joslin Insurance to see what else is available for dental insurance.

The Fiscal Officer reported on the water and sewer bill that was extremely high from what appeared to be a toilet left running. The Fiscal Officer reported that the unintentional high-water consumption adjustment request was approved by ACDES and we are just waiting on the adjustment bill. The water issue was in the Township park because the Townhall and Fire Dept share one meter. The Fiscal Officer reported that Anthony Maley has turned in his renewal form for his Pesticide Commercial Applicator License and the renewal fee is \$52.50. The Fiscal Officer reported she has 2 quotes in regards to a new phone system. Considering the water bill situation, the Fiscal Officer reported that starting next year we should probably look to split the water and sewer bill between the Townhall and the Fire Dept. since they are both connected to the same meter.

Res. 164-24 John moved to split the water and sewer bill with the Fire Dept. starting with the October billing of 2024, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal aye.

Res. 165-24 John moved to pay for Anthony Maley's renewal fee of \$52.50 for the Pesticide Commercial Applicator License, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported he has issued 2 new accessory buildings. Rob also received a phone call from a Verizon Rep. in regards to putting up a new cell tower in our township. Rob stated he has been receiving several requests for lot splits. Rob would like to see a fee for the lot split request.

Res. 166-24 Pete moved to implement a \$75.00 fee for residential lot split requests for zoning, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal aye.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms no report.

Road Supervisor Mike Petro no report.

John discussed giving the township road workers a \$375.00 clothing allowance like last year. The road workers will be paid back once their receipts are turned in. They must use it before the end of 2024.

Res. 167-24 John moved to give up to \$375.00 clothing allowance for the Road Dept. workers, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusal aye.

Byron reported that he felt Trick or Treat went well and that there were several kids out this year. Byron was questioned by several people why the Townhall hasn't been open for Halloween. Byron said next year we need to make sure we get the Townhall blocked off for

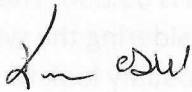
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Halloween so it can be open to the public. Byron reported there is a NAD meeting Tuesday Nov. 5. There is a township zoning meeting Wednesday Nov. 6 at 5:45. Starting in December the meeting time will change to 6:00 pm. Byron said that there is a need to get some new zoning board members because of people stepping down and the board is currently short now. Pete went over the 2 quotes for getting new windows in the townhall office. Rob Lapuh asked if maybe we could look at replacing the small window in his office and the other 2 basement windows.

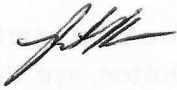
Res. 168-24 John moved to go with Dave Peskar for replacement of windows and wrapping up to \$2,000, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Resident Joe Hejduk Jr spoke on why he feels the lot frontage should be changed. He feels it should be changed because the older residents are not able to maintain a bigger lot. Ted Seifert inquired about what it would cost to chip n seal the church parking lot that butts up to the township park. To give Ted a better idea of the cost to chip n seal, the trustees told him the cost for the Townhall parking lot was \$7,216.

Res. 169-24 Pete moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm, John seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman