

Austinburg Township Minutes
November 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Ted Seifert, Rob Lapuh, Teresa Gottwig, David Gottwig and Bill Wilms.

Res. 170-24 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 171-24 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$21,096.66 and receipts were \$1,495.54.

In terms of correspondence there was nothing to report.

The Fiscal Officer reported that the 6-month CD has been rolled over for another 6 months at 4.43%. The amount rolled over with interest was \$102,545.75 The one-month CD will be changed into a 6-month CD on Tuesday Nov. 19. The Fiscal Officer went over the 2 quotes from Granite and Spectrum in regards to getting a new phone system linking all the departments together with one phone line. Spectrum came in at an installation cost of \$4,212 and yearly cost of \$7,955.64 for phone/internet. Granite came in at an installation cost of \$3,043 and a yearly cost of \$4,083 phone/internet.

Res. 172-24 John moved to go with Granite for the new phone system and internet, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 173-24 John moved to use the NOPEC grant to pay for the new windows and installation in the Townhall for \$2,450. Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported he has issued a new building permit for a residence on Clay St.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the ladders all passed testing. Fire truck 501 needs a few repairs. He also reported that fire calls are up this year so far, we are up to 192 calls.

Road Supervisor Mike Petro no report.

John reported that the Trustees will be working on updating the road department job descriptions. This has come about because of the need to cover the cemetery sexton job. John brought up that the year-end meeting needs to be set. The year-end meeting will be Monday December 30th at 7:30pm. The fire department dependence board will meet first then the Township year-end meeting will be afterwards. John brought up an idea of looking to maybe purchase some property that butts up to the Township garage. There are 50 acres that could be purchased to be used for a park or ball fields etc. John will reach out to see if the people that currently own it have any interest in possibly selling the land. Byron reported on the zoning meeting and reminded everyone that the next Zoning meeting on December 4 will be at the new time of 6:00pm. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. NAD did send an ambulance and crew down to Georgia to help with hurricane relief. Byron reported that the water company will be starting to put the water line under Clay St to Pelton Rd. They will be putting in a hydrant there also. Pete reported that Geauga Paving has not been fulfilling their contract in regards to supplying cold patch. After some discussion and looking at the backup bidder price it was decided to terminate our contract with Geauga Paving because of no delivery. Pete reported the windows have been ordered and should be in shortly.

Res. 174-24 John moved to hire Suit-Kote for cold patch for \$113.50 per ton delivered to the yard, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

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Resident David Gottwig reported that the zoning board looked up the ruling on selling marijuana in our Township. The Township voted it was ok to sell medical marijuana but not sure how that effects selling recreational marijuana. David Gottwig also reported that the Township already has set precedent for multibusiness buildings. There was a lot of discussion on the topic of multibusiness buildings. The Trustees would like to have the zoning board look a little more at possibly setting some regulations in regards to multibusiness buildings.

Res. 175-24 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman