

Austinburg Township Minutes
February 3, 2025

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

Res. 29-25 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 30-25 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$34,134.98 and receipts were \$2,708.53.

In terms of correspondence we received a letter from Dearborn Life Insurance Co that the life insurance renewal will not be going up. The rates are guaranteed until June 1, 2030. We received a letter about Memorial Day Appropriations to Posts and Civic organizations. We received our Countywide Agreement from the Ashtabula County Commissioners. The cost for the Urban Search and Rescue Region 2 is \$1,224 and the AGL Bomb Squad is \$2,700.

The Fiscal Officer reported that Cindy Hejduk, Anthony Maley, and John Luban have been added on to the OTARMA Insurance for bonding. William Wilms was removed from the OTARMA Insurance as far as being bonded because he isn't the cemetery sexton anymore.

Res. 31-25 John moved to go with the Countywide Agreement, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that he issued a new accessory building. Rob has received multiple requests for lot splits from the County Planning Commission. The new updated county highway manual has been updated. The old Mr. C's is still in the process of getting purchased. The port authority is working with the Hampton Inn and the new proposed hotel to somehow connect them.

Fire Chief Bill had nothing to report.

Road Sup no report.

Pete reported on 6 trees in the park that need to be taken down. He had 2 quotes. We want the trees down soon so new ones can be planted this spring.

Res. 32-25 Pete moved to go with Brobst Tree service for \$4,200, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Pete had a price for the foundation for the proposed new salt bin. After lots of discussion on size and type of building, the discussion was tabled. The Trustees will go down and get with Mike Petro the road supervisor to get his input. Pete had the bid package for the Forman Rd project. There were some questions so Pete will take it back to the County Engineers Office. Byron reported that Frank Gildersleeve is transferring some deeds for the Eagleville Cemetery. Byron reported there is a NAD meeting Tuesday and a Zoning meeting Wednesday. There is a water meeting with the Pelton Rd residents on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm at the Townhall. Byron brought up about getting a wood chipper. John went over the 3 quotes he had gotten in regards to the Township Clean-Up Day.

Res. 33-25 John moved to go with PennOhio for Clean-Up Day for 5 - 40 yd roll off dumpsters and 1 - 80 yd roll off dumpster, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

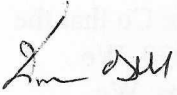
John is going to start looking at getting prices for the mailing of the newsletters. John reported on the information that we received back from the Ashtabula County Prosecutors Office in regards to recreational marijuana sales.

Res. 34-25 John moved to add recreational marijuana to our medical marijuana zoning regulations, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

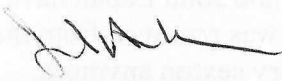
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Resident Laurie Robishaw asked if there were any concerns from the Trustees that they need to look at for zoning. Laurie asked if the Zoning Board could get a hard copy of the zoning regulations to be kept at the Township Office. Also, the Zoning Board is still looking for members.

Res. 35-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman