

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held January 2

2007

The meeting of Austinburg Twp. held January 2, 2007 was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Lynn Frank. Trustees Burke, and Spade were present. Audience present were Ginny and Ted Seifert, Dave Long, Byron Dutton II, Mike Petro, John Kusar, Connie Coons, John Beninato, Jim Heath, and Ted Wilms.

Mike Petro discussed some of the projects he is looking at for township roads. He said he would like to raise Creek Rd. by Thousand Trails about two feet. It floods there, and he said he could use the crushed concrete material to raise the road. He also stated he would like to use RS2 as much as possible, and less dust control. Pete said ditching is always an ongoing project. Jerry stated he had talked to Tim Martin about coming up with an estimate for the Creek Rd. project Pete spoke about. Pete also said some tile work needs to be done.

Lynn said there is a conflict with the date discussed for the next township meeting. There is a zoning public hearing on January 16 at the town hall. It was decided the next township meeting will be held Monday, January 15, 2007 at the usual time of 7:30pm. Lynn said if she can set them up, she would like to schedule the three interviews for zoning candidates prior to the Jan. 15 meeting.

Lynn stated she will set interviews for the zoning secretary position and let the board know when.

Lynn said as outgoing Chairman, she would like to make a statement. She said she feels it is important for the chairman to be available to attend meetings. She said this year is an eventful one for Austinburg, with sewers coming in and other projects. It is important the board stay informed.

Res. 608-07 Janie moved that Lynn stay on as chairman. Jerry stated that he thought that position is usually rotated. The fiscal officer stated that as long as any board member attends meetings to keep communication open, it would not have to be the chair. Lynn agreed. There was no second to the motion at this time.

Res. 609-07 Janie then nominated Lynn as chair, with Jerry as vice-chairman. Jerry stated Lynn does have more time available for extra meetings. Jerry seconded this motion, and said he wants to stay road dept. liaison. The roll call vote; Frank, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 610-07 Jerry moved the liaison positions remain the same; Jerry has roads, buildings and cemeteries. Janie has parks, fire dept. and NAD. Lynn has zoning and newsletter. Janie seconded. The roll; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Ted Wilms spoke about the proposed repeater towers. He said it will help south county with reception in those areas. He said he does not want the check yet, as there are still unanswered questions. The fiscal officer asked if maintenance and liability issues have been addressed. Janie said those are still up in the air.

Res. 611-07 Janie moved to give the \$2,000.00 to the repeater tower project. Lynn seconded. Jerry stated he would like more answers about the project, who owns and maintains it for example. The roll call vote; Burke, no. Frank, aye. Spade, aye.

The fiscal officer said she has a letter in to the County Prosecutor's office regarding HIPPA compliance. She said she will not take any paperwork into the office or issue any reimbursement checks to plan participants until hearing back from the prosecutor. Barb said fines and penalties for HIPPA violations can be substantial. Janie said she thinks that no big change would be necessary to comply with HIPPA, and we can go ahead and switch the insurance plan to the HRA for the first of the month. Lynn and Janie agreed that it would be fine to hold up on paperwork and checks, because Janie stated from her experience at her job, it takes 45 to 60 days before any checks would be due for payment of medical bills from the participants. Janie is confident that waiting for the information is fine.

Res. 612-07 Since the board has changed the township insurance to a HRA, Janie moved to accept Sections 9.833 of ORC and that does for self-reimbursement. And then, we should have been under 505.60 for an insurance policy, but I will go ahead and pass that resolution also just to protect ourselves. The township may not reimburse officers and employees for benefits other than those listed in the division of section 505.60 of the revised code. The board of trustees adopts a resolution that states that the township has chosen not to procure a health care plan under section 505.60 of the Ohio Revised Code and has chosen instead to reimburse its officers and employees for each out of pocket, these are for premiums, but it all goes under that 505.60. Lynn seconded the motion. The roll; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

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Res. 613-07 Jerry moved to adopt ORC section 5577.07. This allows the trustees to set the time frame for load limits on roads. Jerry will check to see what our current load limit reduction dates are on our signs. Lynn seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 614-07 Janie moved to discontinue charging for report copies for trustees, fiscal officer, zoning dept. and road dept. personnel. Lynn seconded. The roll call; Burke, no. Frank, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 615-07 Janie moved to have each trustee receive the same reports she has requested each month if desired. Lynn clarified that the motion was to include "as requested". Janie stated it did. Lynn then seconded the motion. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Burke, Jerry also asked if the motion did include "if requested", then voted aye. Frank, aye.

The fiscal officer suggested the township lower the present charge for copies to 5 cents per page.

Res. 616-07 Lynn moved to reduce the copy charge to 5 cents as recommended. Janie seconded. The roll call; Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 617-07 Janie moved to have all board members present at a meeting, sign that meeting minutes, instead of just the chairman of the trustee board as is done now. Lynn seconded. The roll call vote; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

In audience participation, Dave Long thanked Connie Coons for her service on the Zoning Commission.

Byron Dutton asked the trustees what roads specifically were in their plan for paving. Lynn stated they are beginning to discuss that with Pete and they need to check on material costs.

Ted Seifert reported there is an organizational meeting of the Zoning Commission tomorrow night. There will probably be a public hearing held January 16.

Connie Coons thanked everyone for their support during her time on the Zoning Commission.

Jim Heath discussed the paving on Rt. 307 between Krysa's and the elementary school. He also mentioned the depth of the road ditch there and how dangerous it could be.

Res. 618-07 Janie moved to send a letter to ODOT asking them to see that the ditch be covered. Jerry seconded. Lynn stated she will write the letter. The roll; Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Spade, aye. Mr. Heath asked who is responsible for the creek that runs through his property. Lynn said she will be out to his place to take pictures if that would be alright, and will send them on to the state.

Ted Wilms discussed the condition of Lampson Rd, and the tile on the road in front of his house.

Ted Wilms also stated he would like to see the trustees keep an open mind when appointing people to the zoning boards. Someone who is for everyone in Austinburg, and knows what the township is about should be appointed.

Lynn stated the board has three interviews to conduct for those positions.

Res. 619-07 Janie moved to adopt the state travel policy for the township. Lynn seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Frank, aye.

Res. 620-07 Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Barbara Schaub
Lynn Frank
Janie Spade