

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held March 5,

2007

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held March 5, 2007 was called to order at 7:30pm with the pledge. Trustees Burke, Frank, and Spade were present. Audience in attendance were Nick Dearing, Byron Dutton II, David and Marcie Turk, David Long, Ginny and Ted Seifert, Valerie and Jim Cox, Connie Coons, and Sheila Arth.

Lynn Frank announced the meeting will be taped and the Chair will not take public comments until the audience participation segment of the meeting.

Res. 643-07 Janie moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 644-07 Jerry moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Frank, aye.

Receipts were \$12,364.03. Bills were \$18,665.47. Fund balances were \$708,782.63.

Janie announced she had checked with the county and the county clean up day will be April 28, 2007. The fiscal officer stated we received two quotes from Penn Ohio for rubbish collection and clean up day. She has left them sealed for the board to decide how they will proceed on getting quotes. Jerry said he would like to see the ad go in the paper for these.

Res. 645-07 Janie moved to place requests for quotes in the paper for rubbish collection at the town hall and township park, and for our township clean up day. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Frank, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 646-07 Lynn moved to have our clean up day on April 28, 2007 from 8:00am till noon. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Spade, aye.

Janie stated she has seen Dale March tapping in the park and asked if we have received a letter from him. Barb said he called her and asked if the board would want a letter from him holding the township harmless for damage. Barb asked him to forward a letter to the township.

Janie announced the NAD meeting will be March 7, 2007 at 6:00pm.

Janie said she will ask the County Engineer for an estimate on an over-lay of asphalt for Ravinewood, and for Forman Rd. from Eagleville to Allen Rds. Discussion was held on asphalt price increases and possible prep work needed on Pelton Rd.

Janie said the fire dept. had checked the furnaces. No CO had been detected in the furnace in the town hall. She stated the fire hall needs a new door and a new man door. Jerry and Janie will check prices.

Janie reported Janice Schweitzer from the county will attend the meeting on March 19 to speak on bringing recycling to Austinburg.

Janie said there is a refresher course to be held by the EMA on March 7 at 1:00pm for the contact person for the Crisis Communication System.

John Beninato gave his zoning report.

Jerry reported on the shop tools purchased. They spent approximately \$830.00. With sales and his Craftsman Club discount, there was a savings of about \$200.00.

Jerry gave the price quotes the roadmen received on chain saws and back pack leaf blowers from Welker's, Northshore, and Bortnick's. Jerry said he would like to have the men use Welker's to make these purchases.

The board discussed the need for a riding lawn mower. A used one would suffice.

The maintenance agreements and invoices the fiscal officer has received for furnace work was discussed. Barb will follow up on this.

Pete would like to check on piping on Mill Creek Rd. Some is on private property. Jerry will check on easement agreements with Pete.

Jerry stated he would like to see the township have some kind of building or shed to store equipment that is currently outside. Janie suggested he gather some prices. Jerry said he will do some investigating on this.

Jefferson-Eagleville Rd. will be closed for repair for 30 days.

Lynn said she contacted the Attorney General's office for advice on the resolution which deals with licensing adult-oriented businesses. She said Matt Lamke, an attorney, told her the resolution needs to be passed for licensing these businesses in addition to our zoning text. Lynn is currently typing this resolution as suggested by the AG's office inserting Austinburg where applicable. After this is complete she would like to forward the resolution to the County Prosecutor's office for an opinion. It will then be brought back to the board.

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Res. 647-07 Lynn moved to re-certify the zoning maps for 2007. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Spade, aye.

Lynn reported on projects being discussed by the Water Advisory Board.

Res. 648-07 Lynn moved to agree with the letter proposed by Larry Meaney regarding the sewer project. This letter was presented to the board for comments and will be sent out to residents with information on the upcoming sewer project. Janie seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Spade, aye.

The orange markers seen in the township are from CT Consultants doing preliminary surveying for the sewers.

Lynn would like to send a small newsletter out at the end of March to announce clean up day.

Lynn has a call in to ODNR concerning oil and gas well drilling.

Lynn said the Planning Commission asked for comments on the proposed re-plat of the property at Farin Industries. She stated she is concerned about the driveway. Is it a private drive and who is responsible for it if it is not. Lynn said the plan meets zoning requirements but she would like more information on the access drive. Jerry said it is going in as a private drive. Lynn stated Mr. Farinacci abdicates his responsibility for the access drive according to the plans, so the question remains, who is responsible for maintenance.

Res. 649-07 Lynn moved to send in comments addressing the egress/ingress of the plan to the Planning Commission. Janie seconded. The roll; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Lynn said Catherine Colgan needs more information before responding to the township's letter regarding policy on open-cutting roads.

Lynn said she spoke to the gentleman from the Engineer's office about signs and reflective strips for the signposts. New signs need to be a prismatic style. He recommends we get pre-cut strips for the posts. Pete will check with him and add up what we need.

Lynn said all interviews for the zoning position have been completed.

Res. 650-07 Lynn said as liaison to zoning, she moves to appoint Diane Mongenel to the Zoning Commission. The candidates were Mike Schaab, Sheila Arth, Diane Mongenel, and Matt Dearing. Byron Dutton had stated he is interested in a position on the ZBA. Janie seconded the motion. The roll call vote; Burke, no. Frank, aye. Spade, aye. Diane will be second alternate.

Janie addressed new playground equipment for the township park. She stated there is a donation coming in to offset the cost. She would like to pursue prices with the board's permission.

Jerry said he would like to look into getting mats to place under equipment when graves are dug, instead of using plywood. He will bring information to the board at next meeting.

Jerry said most of our surplus equipment Pete listed is only good for scrap.

The fiscal officer asked if the board would consider allowing the Austinburg Garden Club plant a real tree for holiday decorating. The board stated that would be fine. It would be planted on the side of the town hall where the trees were removed. The Garden Club also would like to look into the cost of installing an outside electrical outlet on the building.

In audience participation, Nick Dearing asked who held the agreements on the furnaces. It is Ziegler. He also asked if all trustees were present for the zoning interviews. They were.

Byron Dutton said if the fire dept. is looking into a new fire hall, they should partner with the township for building and utilities. The township could then use some space for equipment storage there.

Dave Long said he knew of a 60 x 80 building that needs to come down. He will check into it for the township in case we would be interested in it. He said the roadmen did a good job with snow plowing. Byron asked Dave if it was commercial. Dave stated it was.

Jim Cox stated he would like to see the distance between Bed and Breakfasts changed from 1,000 feet. John Beninato explained the process for applying for a zoning change. Ted Seifert added he could also apply for a variance with the ZBA.

Connie Coons inquired about the meeting for the sewer project. There is no date yet. She also asked about the town hall steps. They will be done this spring.

Res. 651-07 Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

*Barbara Schaab* *Janie*  
*Lynn* *Frank*