

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held March 19,

2007

The regular meeting of March 19, 2007 was called to order at 8:00pm following the bid opening meeting. Trustees Burke, Frank, and Spade were present. Audience present were Lorna Masek, Janice Switzer, Winnie Cerbin, David Long, Marcie and Dave Turk, Connie Coons, Mike Schaab, Ted and Ginny Seifert, Nick Dearing, and Sheila Arth.

Res. 665-07 Janie moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2007 as presented. Jerry seconded. The roll; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 666-07 Jerry moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2007 Public Hearing as presented. Lynn seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Frank, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 667-07 Janie moved to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2007 Special Meeting as presented. Jerry seconded. The roll; Frank, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 668-07 Jerry moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Janie seconded. The roll; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts were \$14,828.30. Bills were \$8,692.10.

Res. 669-07 Lynn moved to renew the subscription to "Zoning Practice". Janie seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Spade, aye.

The fiscal officer reported the check we received from Time Warner was for 5/12 of the year. The company told her a check for the remainder of the year was forthcoming.

At this time, Janice Switzer presented information on a township recycling program. She stated the Solid Waste District will provide the container, and the township is to provide a site. The district will haul containers when full. Township staff are responsible to pick up litter and debris from the site. Any debris not accepted for recycling, is to be disposed of by the township. The township will notify when the container is full until a regular schedule is achieved. It will be approximately a 30 yard container. Contents may be co-mingled and are sorted by Waste Management at their Oakwood facility. There is a standard agreement drawn up between the Solid Waste District and the township. Janice will provide the township a sample agreement. Waste Management is paid by the county. No proceeds from recycled material is received by the township.

In correspondence we received a letter from Catherine Colgan, Assistant Co. Prosecutor, in response to our questions about wages paid to our roadman and cemetery sexton. It also addressed the HRA insurance program the township has adopted, and contains a sample resolution to adopt said insurance program. She has indicated the only way an elected official could participate in a change in health insurance during his/her term would be for the township to pay the official any difference in cost from the previously offered plan.

We received a letter from the Prosecutor's office outlining the changes to the Public Records Law. Copies of both of these letters are in the township file.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report. He asked if residents had old scrap equipment, could it be picked up with no liability on the township. Jerry said that would not be something the township should do.

Jerry stated the new truck bed is nearly installed. We have received a quote on a tool box for the truck in the amount of \$1,722.00. This is to be installed on the truck also.

Jerry said the speed limit signs for Mill Creek Rd. are not in yet. He said our load limit reduction signs are dated with Feb. 20.

Jerry has spoken with Pete about the supports under the town hall floor.

Brian Kitchen has met with Barb and filled out his paperwork. Barb asked what his wage will be. The trustees said workers with a CDL will make \$10.00 per hour, without a CDL, \$9.00 per hour.

Jerry reported on what old equipment in the road garage yard can be scrapped.

Jerry asked Dave Long if he has heard anything new about the building in Ashtabula the township is looking at. Dave said he is trying to acquire the specs for the building. Discussion on tear down, permits, and reconstruction of the building was held.

Jerry stated he will try to get in touch with Tim Martin to see if the county might reimburse us for materials used in repairing damage done to Mill Creek Rd., as a result of the Jefferson-Eagleville Rd. closing.

Janie reported the NAD meeting will be April 4, 2007 at 6:00pm. Janie said she brought in pill bottles being dispensed by NAD. These are to hold pertinent health information and be stored on the door of your refrigerator. Emergency responders can then access this information

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when necessary. Janie also has pamphlets on reflective address signs that may be ordered, and membership information.

Janie stated she received the estimate she requested from Tim Martin for 1 1/2 inch asphalt overlay for Ravinewood. The amount is \$69,291.00. She also got a quote for Forman Rd. from Allen to Mill Creek. She stated she would like to see our road supervisor come to the township meetings. Janie said she would like to set up a work session to discuss the estimates from Tim Martin, and road priorities. Jerry asked Janie if she got an estimate on pug mill for Forman Rd. Janie said she would get that from Tim Martin.

Lynn stated the zoning text changes for lot width have to be recorded at the County Recorder's office by April 13. She will get the copy to the Recorder's office.

The Water Advisory Board meeting has been cancelled.

Lynn said she would like the newsletter articles by the end of the month.

Lynn faxed a letter to Tim Martin indicating the reduction in the speed limit on Mill Creek Rd.

Lynn read an article in Grassroots Clippings on oil and gas well drilling as referred to her by the ODNR.

Res. 670-07 Lynn moved to notify the ODNR that the township would like to be notified by the ODNR of gas and oil well drilling in the township by way of FAX to the fiscal officer. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Barb will type the resolution and Lynn will send it along with a cover letter to the ODNR.

Lynn reported on the tax abatement hearing. Neff Perkins is closed Sav-A-Lot has their abatement until 2013 and it was approved.

Res. 671-07 Lynn moved to send a donation to the United War Veterans in the amount of \$100.00. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Frank, aye.

The work session with Pete was set for Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00pm. Jerry will talk to Pete to check on the date.

Dave Long inquired about the rubber mats Jerry had spoken about for the cemeteries. He said he felt it would be good if the township could get the building from Ashtabula that has been discussed.

Connie Coons asked about getting a defibrillator for the town hall. Nick Dearing said he works on the charity bingo held to raise money for the Ken Derminer Foundation that provides defibrillators. He offered to speak to Mrs. Derminer but Janie said she knows her also and will talk to her.

Mike Schaab inquired about the appointment made to the Zoning Commission. He asked if community service meant anything to the trustees when considering applicants. He said they had people that applied with many years of volunteering to the community and the person selected had not committed to anything in the community. Lynn stated she looks at the picture of the whole Zoning Board, who is on there, and is pleased to have a list to draw from now, as positions become vacant. Dave Long asked how long the new board member has lived in the township. She has lived here ten years. Janie said no one has been eliminated, but applicants have been placed on a list for later consideration. Mike then asked when the trustees discussed his application for the Zoning position. Janie stated when he was here with them. Mike asked when it was discussed between the three trustees. Sheila Arth stated it seems someone coming out of the dark was appointed. She said no one knows who she is. Janie said the new applicant is a regular at township meetings for the last couple years.

Mike Schaab said that since some trees have been removed from the township park, Country Days could use a pole installed to be used in the wiring for the festival. The water by the outhouse in the park has been broken for years and needs to be repaired also. More stone could be placed by the horseshoe pits. Ted Seifert stated the road crew placed some there before.

Ted Seifert discussed the idea of grave markers for deceased township fire fighters. The fire department was not interested in doing this, but he would like to volunteer to do this. He will approach family members, and if they are willing to pay for the marker, he will put them in place in Austinburg cemeteries. Jerry said some members are buried elsewhere. Ted stated markers could be placed elsewhere if a family purchases one. The trustees said they did not have a problem with Ted doing this.

Janie stated she would call to Mrs. Derminer from the Ken Derminer Foundation

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Ginny Seifert said she would like to see Austinburg have a recycling program in the township.

Nick Dearing said he supports a recycling program also. Nick asked what credentials are looked at and judged when appointing to the zoning boards. Janie stated during the interview process is when candidates are looked at. All the candidates were qualified she felt, the trustees then had to choose one. Lynn said a letter of introduction is requested from applicants. She feels it is good to have a list to draw from now. Jerry felt he has no real criteria to base his choice on, it is more of a gut feeling.

Sheila Arth asked what the new speed limit is on Mill Creek Rd. It is 35mph.

Res. 672-07 Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. The meeting ended at 9:35pm.

*Barbara Schaub
Lynn Fries
Jerry Burk
Janie Seifert*