

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held April 9,

2007

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township Trustees held April 9, 2007 was called to order at 7:30pm with the Pledge. Trustees Burke, Frank, and Spade were present.

Res. 673-07 Jerry moved to approve the minutes from the bid opening meeting held March 19, 2007 as written. Lynn seconded. The roll call; Frank, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 674-07 Janie stated regarding the March 19, 2007 regular meeting minutes, she said she would speak to Mrs. Derminer concerning a defibrillator for the township before Nick Dearing stated he could speak to Mrs. Derminer. With that correction, Janie moved to approve the minutes from that meeting. Lynn seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Frank, aye.

Res. 675-07 Jerry moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Janie seconded. The roll Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Frank, aye.

Barb reported receipts totaled \$236,959.58 with an additional \$170.00 turned in this evening from zoning. We received our first half real estate tax money. Bills were \$18,572.71.

Janie stated the fund balances are \$933,305.70.

In correspondence we received a contract from Chris's Quality Home and Lawn, who has been doing our mowing. The amount of the contract for 2007 is \$7,600.00, no increase from last year.

Res. 676-07 Jerry moved to retain Chris's Quality Home and Lawn for the mowing of our parks and cemeteries. Lynn seconded. The roll call vote; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

A letter from Randy Blum was received regarding the students crossing College St.

A letter was received from ODOT in response to the trustees' letter regarding the issue of deep ditches near and water back up on Mr. Heath's property.

Lynn addressed a FAX sent to her from the Illuminating Co. It was a copy of a letter sent to a resident who would not allow the tree trimming company working for the Illuminating Co onto their property.

We received information an a class being held by NAD on preventing violence in the workplace.

Janie reported on the NAD meeting held March 7, 2007. She said she will let the road and fire departments know about the details on the class NAD is conducting on workplace violence.

Janie stated she had been thinking about the recycling program for the township and wondered about placing the container near the township park. Jerry stated he thought it would look bad there and would need too much space since a fence is to be constructed around it. Jerry stated he would like to see it go in the southeast corner of the township garage property. Discussion on placement of the container was held. Janie said it will take three months for the bin to be built.

Res. 677-07 Janie moved to enter into the agreement with the County Solid Waste District for a recycling program. Jerry seconded. Lynn questioned the driveway easement we have for the garage currently, and how it may affect access to the garage and recycle bin. Discussion on the driveway was held. The roll call vote on the motion; Frank, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Janie stated she had spoken to Mrs. Derminer on the defibrillator. There is a waiting list for them from her foundation. Mrs. Derminer said she will e-mail prices of the equipment to Janie.

Janie has asked Tim Martin for an estimate for pug mill on Forman Rd. as discussed last meeting.

Jerry reported on the condition of Mill Creek Rd. He has the permission form from Dan Morell to allow access to his property on Mill Creek for road repairs. He reported Tim Martin stated we will not get any reimbursement from the county to help repair Mill Creek.

Jerry reported he received a call from the Children's Services League concerning using the township park for horse drawn hay rides. Jerry said he thinks having horses in the park would do too much damage to the park. Jerry will call them back and invite them to a township meeting to give more information to the trustees.

Jerry reported the rubber mats Dave Long had access to wouldn't work for the cemetery work. Jerry gave information and cost for rubber matting for this purpose. He will do some more research on this matting and report back. Jerry said Dave is still checking into the building for sale on West Ave.

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At this time, Zoning Administrator, John Beninato, gave his zoning report.

Jerry said he spoke to the Sheriff Dept. about putting scales on Mill Creek. The Sheriff Dept. told him to speak to the OHP since the Sheriff Dept. does not have scales to place there.

Lynn stated she will take the zoning text page to the Recorder's office this Friday. Barb will get a check ready to pay the fee at the Recorder's.

Lynn discussed the Attorney General's opinion concerning the resolution the trustees can make to license adult oriented businesses. Lynn stated it refers to a business application fee. John Beninato said a provision for that is in our zoning text. It is \$300.00. Lynn said when the typing of the resolution is completed, she will send a copy to the Prosecutor's office for approval.

Lynn said the Water Advisory Board will meet April 18.

Lynn said the newsletter is done and ready for printing. She checked on cost of printing at Office Max and The Gazette because the regular printer said they would need to order the paper. This will delay the newsletter a couple of weeks. She gave the cost comparisons.

Res. 678-07 Lynn moved to use Office Max for this time, they can have the newsletter ready to go in three days. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Frank, aye.

Lynn reported the band is set for the Memorial Day service. Jerry stated he will get a speaker for the service.

Lynn stated she received a packet of information on the Rt.45 and Clay St. intersection from the Planning Commission. Evelyn Schaeffer provided a recent addendum to this information from the Planning Commission's executive committee meeting. Lynn read this aloud. A copy is in the township files.

Discussion was held on the intersection and problems occurring at Rt.45 and I 90, specifically near Sidley Ct. Evelyn said that Al Dispenza would like to try to keep the township involved.

Lynn said residents have called her with questions on the upcoming sewer project. The EPA has been invited to attend the future public meetings on the sewer project. Lynn stated CT Consultants had told her the sewers would be installed in the center of the roads. Larry Meaney stated this is incorrect. Jerry mentioned our storm sewers on the side of the roads. If they are torn up, he is concerned who is responsible for their repair.

Lynn reported the guard rails still have to be installed on Woodside Dr. This will finish the FEMA work there.

Lynn stated that when Jerry brought the issue of the installation of the tool box and hydraulics on the new truck to the floor at last meeting, there was no motion made to approve that. The bid specs will not include that extra either. The fiscal officer will check with Concord Equipment on the billing. Jerry said the extra expense of the hydraulics was an oversight. The truck required that to function properly. He said the tool box was something needed, and he thought it could be installed while it was still at Concord.

Res. 679-07 Jerry moved retroactive to the March 19 meeting, the board approve the hydraulics and tool box as needed on the new Mack truck. Lynn seconded. Janie asked why all three trustees were not included in the decision on the tool box and hydraulics. Jerry stated if he had waited, it would have held up the truck for another two weeks. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Spade, aye.

Janie reported the township will be hosting the Ashtabula Co. Twp. Association meeting this month. A Master Gardener will be present to discuss giant hogweed.

In audience participation, Dave Turk discussed the overlay of asphalt in Ravinewood. Janie stated the board had a work session with Pete, and discussed it there. Dave asked when this work may happen. Janie stated the board has plans for it this year. Jerry said if it is done, it will probably be the end of summer.

Mike Schaab mentioned the pole necessary for the secure installation of wiring for Country Days he discussed at the last meeting. Janie said she could meet him at the park and Mike could show her exactly where the pole would need to be. Jerry stated the cost of the pole would be approximately \$150.00.

Mike stated years ago there was a Park Board in the township that had asked what people would like to see in our township parks. Comments made then were baseball diamond repairs, a bigger basketball court, and perhaps concerts in the park.

Mike said he would suggest lowering the speed limit on College St. to 25mph to help with

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GRA student safety. He stated rumble strips could be installed on both sides of the raised crosswalks. Janie said she would like to FAX Tim Martin a copy of the letter the township received from Randy Blum, and ask for Tim's suggestions on this issue.

Dave Long is still researching the building for sale on West Ave. Dave asked why the pedestrian bridge on Rt. 307 is not finished. It needs to be painted, and barrels and tape are still there. Janie will call to inquire about the painting.

Joe Drcz, Morgan Twp Trustee, discussed playground equipment needs to be state approved. He said Morgan has a recycling program with the County Waste District. Theirs is located at their road garage property.

Joe presented the board with an estimate from Tim Martin on a possible Issue I program for improvements to Thiel Rd. Austinburg's share of match money is \$125,378.75. There are only four homes on the Austinburg part of the road. Discussion was held on who owns what part of Thiel Rd, and past agreements for plowing.

Res.680-07 Jerry moved to table this issue for now, more research needs to be completed. Janie seconded. The roll; Frank, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Ted Seifert commented that perhaps the Children's Service League could check into using the Rails to Trails bike trail for their hay rides.

Byron Dutton II stated the board has mentioned many possible projects. He said the board should make a plan on what exactly the money is going to be used for. Everyone is suggesting different projects, but he thinks the board should concentrate on just a couple issues. Janie stated priorities were set at the work session with Pete. Discussion was held on dust control. Byron said he thinks the trustees should set an overall plan for roads and projects.

Byron asked why the 304/411 recycled concrete we are currently getting from Delta Railroad was not included in our stone bids. Jerry stated we will still get that material from Delta, up to the bid amount.

Byron said he inquired about running the sewers further east on Rt. 307. Businesses there are interested in having the sewers. He is circulating a petition among property owners to have the line extended to that area.

Byron said even if they widen the Rt. 45 and Clay St. intersection, semi trucks will still not be able to make that turn.

Ron Smoker asked if the discussion on the Ravinewood overlay involves pug mill or hot mix asphalt. The estimate was for asphalt. Ron said he thought the surface applied to College St. was a mess, and he did not want that for Ravinewood. Discussion on the College St application of emulsions was held.

Res. 681-07 With no other business to come before the board, Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

*Barbara Schaab*  
*Lynn Freese*  
*Jeni Spade*  
*Greg Burk*