

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held May 21,

2007

The meeting of Austinburg Township held May 21, 2007 came to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Burke, Frank and Spade were present. Audience present were Bob Clark, Ginny and Ted Seifert, David and Marcie Turk, Diane Mongenel, Byron Dutton II, Joseph Dzrc, Donald Dietrich, Connie Coons, and Sheila Arth.

Res. 698-07 Janie stated before moving to approve the minutes from the May 7 meeting, she would add that she had spoken to Brenda Schurr from Burnham and Flower regarding a third party payer for our HRA. Lynn added that she addressed having a monetary value placed on the fill dirt offered to the township by a Mill Creek Rd. resident. With those additions, Janie moved to approve the previous minutes. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Frank, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 699-07 Janie moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Frank, aye.

Receipts were \$815.61. Bills totaled \$25,785.86.

Lynn stated she would like to try a different format for the meeting, taking correspondence after all trustee reports.

Jerry addressed the estimate and bid specs from Tim Martin for Ravinewood Subdivision, Orchard, and Rodgers Rd.

Res. 700-07 Jerry stated he would like to have these bids advertised. They will be opened at 7:00pm on June 18, 2007 prior to the regular meeting. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Frank, aye.

Jerry reported he had spoken with Tim Martin regarding the dirt available from the resident on Mill Creek. Tim indicated we could use this dirt as a base material for work to be done there. Tim also stated he did not see anything wrong with trading work for the material. He advised drawing up an agreement between the resident and the township for the exchange. Jerry said his colleagues requested Tim's recommendation be put in writing, but Tim stated if the township wanted a written opinion they should seek one from the County Prosecutor. Janie asked if the resident would be willing to just sell us the dirt. She stated she is uncomfortable with going onto private property. Jerry stated even if we purchased the dirt, we would have to go onto private property to get it. Janie asked if Tim Martin could possibly draw up an appropriate agreement to be signed by the resident and township. Jerry thought he probably could. The legal aspects of the township accessing private property for work to be done there was discussed. Jerry said he did not see a problem with digging trench, and removing stumps as the resident requested. Janie said she would rather just pay money for the dirt since through the roadmen's wages, the township is basically paying for the dirt anyway. Jerry said the resident wants to negotiate the trade. Janie stated she would like either the Prosecutor or Tim Martin to draw up an appropriate agreement. Jerry said the Prosecutor's office would take a long time. He will talk to Tim Martin about doing the agreement and Janie will call the Prosecutor's office.

Jerry stated the road crew dust controlled Pelton Rd. last week. He would like to see CRS2 applied there. Dadeyville Rd. and Countryview need to be sealed.

Jerry said the roadmen swept Water St. near Mr. Williams home last week and again today. Jerry said Industrial Park Dr. needs crack sealing done. He will have Pete get some prices for this. Janie suggested having a work session with Pete about this.

Jerry asked if a check has been received for our scrap metal collected on Clean Up Day. The fiscal officer stated it has not.

Jerry reported the employees are upset about the insurance issue. He said he thinks it was a mistake to switch. Janie said the issue has been settled, the township has hired a third party payer. The fiscal officer said she has received all documentation, and sent the contract over to the Prosecutor's office for review as is customary. She also asked questions about the account set up as required by Arcadia. Jerry stated the employees have indicated that some bills have been sent to collection. Janie stated she finds it hard to believe bills would be sent to collection so quickly.

Jerry addressed the increase in price for crushed concrete from Delta Railroad. He had spoken to Paul Laurello about it. The township has been billed \$8.00 per ton, but Delta stated that was in error, and it should be \$10.00 per ton. The fiscal officer stated Delta Railroad has re-invoiced the township.

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Jerry stated Capri Cafaro will be our Memorial Day speaker.

Janie stated she has been looking into playground equipment for the township park. She turned the discussion to Ginny Seifert. Ginny stated her family lost an aunt who has left \$750.00 in a memorial to be used for playground equipment. Janie said she is going to try to get a representative from the equipment company she has been talking to, to come to a meeting.

Janie said she has talked to Randy Blum from Grand River Academy concerning their problem with traffic near their raised crosswalks. She said Harpersfield has hired extra Sheriff personnel at \$18.50 per hour for extra patrols in areas a couple weeks at a time. Janie said Austinburg should look into this for College St. near GRA and Sidley Ct. where truck parking is a problem.

Janie said she has one State Highway Patrol unit, one Sheriff deputy, and the fire dept. to help with traffic control for the Memorial Day parade. The Vietnam Veterans will conduct the flag raising.

Janie has contacted Servicemaster, the company that has cleaned the town hall. They have presented her an estimate of \$1,013.96 to do a complete cleaning of the hall.

Janie said regarding the contract with the solid waste district for recycling, she stated we can place a \$0.00 amount in the contract for the district to lease a space from the township.

Janie reported Tom Sartini told her the township should hold tight on the issue of indigent burial previously discussed.

Res. 701-07 Janie moved to contract with Servicemaster for the cleaning of the town hall at a cost of \$1,013.96. Lynn seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Frank, aye.

Lynn reported the Zoning Commission secretary has resigned. Lynn will meet with her Wednesday to pick up minutes and tapes in her possession. Lynn said the board did choose a second candidate at the time the secretary was hired. Jerry suggested Lynn call her to see if she is still interested in the position.

Lynn asked if the board had a chance to review Al Dispenza's corridor plan, and read a copy of a letter written to Nassief's from Mr. Dispenza. Lynn said after reviewing the corridor plan, if the board has any questions on it, she will take them to Mr. Dispenza.

Lynn said the FEMA report will carry over for this quarter, and she will send it out this week.

Lynn said at Water Advisory Bd., the sewer project was discussed. CT Consultants is not finished yet, and the public informational meeting might happen in June. The sewer project may not begin until 2008. Lynn said Water Advisory also reviewed water line project areas addressed in surveys recently sent out.

Lynn gave copies of the job description and personnel policy she recently re-worked for cemetery sexton/roadman. It will be discussed next meeting.

Lynn reported on the presentation by Ohio State Extension given during the ACTA meeting. The presentation involved information on community planning services available. Lynn asked for the board's permission to look into this service further and possibly sign up. It will cost approximately \$5,000.00 - \$8,000.00. The board stated Lynn could look into this.

Lynn received a call from a resident in Orchard/Rodgers concerning the condition of a house and lawn. She referred them to the Health Dept.

Janie reported the township received a proclamation from the Geneva Area Senior Corporation.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave a zoning report.

Jerry asked if his colleagues had given any more thought to the new road grader. Lynn said she called other entities that have recently purchased this machine, and she reported on their comments to her.

The fiscal officer reported the township's five year, two mil Road and Bridge levy expires this year. She would like to place this on the ballot in November as a renewal so as not to raise taxes.

Res. 702-07 Janie moved to place the five year, two mil Road and Bridge levy on the ballot as a renewal. Lynn seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Spade, aye.

In correspondence, we received a notice from Kinder Morgan regarding a fuel surcharge to be added to invoices on aggregates, beginning June 1, 07.

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We received documentation from The Illuminating Co. This is an application to the PUCO for an increase in rates. A complete copy is available in the township office.

In audience participation, Byron Dutton asked if the exact area for the GH Dr. extension was shown in the corridor plan. Discussion was held on this issue. The zoning map was reviewed.

Byron asked if the OSU extension staff would make recommendations on zoning. Lynn stated it would be more directed toward land use. Byron asked that the trustees request the zoning commission to review electronic signs in the AC districts.

Don Dietrich and Joe Dzrc, trustees from Morgan Twp. addressed the joint Issue I project they proposed at a past meeting. Discussion was held on this project. The consensus of the trustees is that Austinburg could not participate at this time.

Ted Seifert suggested GRA consider paying for additional officers to patrol the area of their crosswalk.

Ted also stated he would hope Austinburg would not pay for the construction of a road Mr. Nassief.

Jerry stated he could not see the township paying for additional sheriff patrols for GRA.

Sheila Arth inquired about the truck parking problem occurring on Sidley Ct.

Res. 703-07 Jerry moved to send a letter to the Sheriff Dept. asking for enforcement of the township's "no parking" on Sidley Ct. Lynn seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Frank, aye. Lynn will draft the letter.

Connie Coons asked about the dirt available on Mill Creek Rd. Liability was discussed. Jerry said Tim Martin stated if an agreement was down in writing, it should be alright.

Connie said CSU also provides planning services. Lynn will check on this.

Sheila Arth asked if the township has a tornado siren. We do not. The fire siren is sounded when the dept. is called out to assist with storm damage.

Res. 704-07 Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. The meeting ended at 9:15pm.

Balvina Schaub
Jerry Burk