

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held Feb. 19,

2008

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held February 19, 2008 was called to order at 7:30pm with the Pledge. Trustees Burke, Kusar, and Spade were present. Audience present were Marcy Hejduk, Nelson Hejduk, Ed Pizzuto, Joe Hejduk, and Byron Dutton II.

Res.883-08 Janie moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. John seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 884-08 John moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Receipts were \$1,756.67. Bills totaled \$23,722.84.

In correspondence we received a letter from the County Prosecutor regarding a packet the township received from Time Warner Cable. The packet was given the Prosecutor for review. The Prosecutor indicated no action on the part of the township was required at this time.

AIM sent a letter stating they will pay \$100.00 per GT of scrap collected at our clean up day this spring. Containers will be furnished free of charge.

The Ashtabula Planning Dept. sent a courtesy copy of their comments on the proposed Waste Management Landfill expansion.

Byron Dutton gave the trustees a copy of the legal notice stating the Geneva Twp. Zoning Board will hold a hearing on this landfill matter on Feb. 21 at 6:30pm. The proposal amends 13 parcels from R-1 to WM/ Waste Management.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report.

John Kusar reported he had spoken with Albert Dispenza about the Corridor Plan.

Res. 885-08 John moved to have the Zoning Commission and Zoning Administrator review the plan and report back to the trustees at the April 21, 2008 meeting with their suggestions and comments. Janie stated she thought it would be good to include Al Dispenza, Saybrook, and County Commissioners in this discussion. John said the plan will eventually go to Saybrook, and feels our township should look at it first and make adjustments if necessary, then go to the county. This will get the ball rolling on this plan. Janie agreed, but stated the plan is confusing, and if the commission sat down with Mr. Dispenza he could discuss his plan with them. John said after the commission and administrator report back to the trustees, then set a work session with Al Dispenza and the Commissioners. Jerry asked if we should go longer than the April 21 deadline. John said this would be a target date. Janie seconded the motion. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

John said in talking to Al Dispenza and the Zoning Commission, it would be good to start a comprehensive plan for Austinburg. OSU has been recommended as one source of planning. Rich Dana suggested the Zoning Commission could take on the task of getting price quotes on planning, from OSU and others, since the commission will be the ones working with the planners.

Res. 886-08 Janie moved that the trustees request the Zoning Commission begin looking into comprehensive planning options and pricing. Discussion was held on the expertise of OSU in comprehensive planning. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Discussion was held on the issue of paying zoning board members as previously reported by John at a past meeting.

Res. 887-08 John moved to pay Zoning Commission and ZBA members \$20.00 per meeting, up to a maximum of 14 meetings per year. This will be paid in December each year, and is retroactive to Jan 1, 2008. The attendance of meetings will be turned into the fiscal officer by the zoning secretary. Jerry seconded. The roll call; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

John stated Sara Masek is being paid \$35.00 per meeting to type the zoning meeting minutes. Ted Seifert has been asking her to type the changes the commission has been working on. John said she should be compensated for the extra work.

Res. 888-08 John moved to pay Sara Masek \$10.00 per hour, up to five hours per month, for additional typing on an as needed basis. Jerry seconded. This is retroactive to Jan 1, 2008. The roll call vote; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

John stated he will bring in a copy of the letter provided by Janice Schweitzer that was sent to Capri Cafaro in support of the budget request for the sewer project. John would like the trustees to sign this letter again, and he and Jerry will deliver it to the members of Capri's

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Financial Committee members in Columbus. Janie read aloud the letter provided to her by Janice via e-mail.

Res. 889-08 John moved to place Byron Dutton on the ZBA. John said Byron has dealt with zoning and has an understanding of the workings of the township zoning. Janie stated she would like to advertise again for the position. Janie said she thinks we need someone on the ZBA that respects the zoning laws. Jerry said we advertised and only received two new resumes. Jerry stated he doesn't think advertising again will bring in any more.

Ed Pizzuto commented that if only got two applications came in, why advertise again. Jerry seconded John's motion to place Byron on the ZBA. The roll call vote; Kusar, aye. Spade, no. Burke, aye.

Janie reported she contacted Janice Schweitzer, and the county tire collection will be April 26, 2008.

Res. 890-08 Janie moved to have the township Clean Up Day Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 8:00am to noon. The roadmen will be asked to participate. John seconded. The roll call; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Discussion was held on what will be accepted. Jerry stated we will accept batteries.

Res. 891-08 Janie moved to put a notice out for clean up day bids for dumpsters, as has been done in the past, including containers for scrap metal and batteries. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Bids will be opened at 7:00pm, March 17, 2008.

Janie said she would like to set up a meeting for individuals interested in being on a township Park Committee. The meeting will be April 30, 2008 at 6:00pm. Shawn Shannon and Jane Bowser have expressed interest so far. This will be announced in the newsletter.

Janie announced she will be absent next meeting.

Jerry reported he spoke with Dave Smith regarding the greenhouse type building that has been discussed for equipment storage. Dave Smith stated it will have to meet commercial specs. Jerry said he would like to pursue this further if the board is still interested. Discussion was held on sizes and prices. Jerry stated he thinks approximately \$15,000.00 would give us a good building. Janie stated she thinks it is worth checking into further, John also agreed.

Jerry said the stove in the basement kitchen was making noises, and the gasket is shot on the refrigerator. He has prices on new appliances from Hamilton's in Jefferson. A new gas stove is \$550.00. A 17 cu. ft. refrigerator is \$415.00.

Res. 892-08 Jerry moved to purchase these appliances from Hamilton's, at the above stated prices. Janie seconded, the prices to include delivery. John asked if they will haul away the old appliances. Jerry said they will. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Jerry stated he can not find anything out about the trailer that has been set on land off of Clay St. No permits have been filed for through the township zoning.

Res. 893-08 Janie moved to advertise for bids for rubbish collection, town hall and park locations, same size containers, year round for the town hall, seasonally for the park. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 894-08 Jerry moved to purchase 1 or 2 more fire proof file cabinets for administrative records. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

In audience participation, Byron Dutton thanked the board for their votes of confidence in appointing him to the ZBA. He stated he will do his best for the township.

Res. 895-08 With no other business to come before the board, John moved to adjourn. Janie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Barbara Schaub
Jerry Burk
John