

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held July 7,

2008

The July 7, 2008 Budget Hearing for Austinburg Township FY 2009 was called to order at 7:00pm. Trustees Burke, Kusar, and Spade were present. Also present was Sarah Masek.

Res. 975-08 Janie moved to approve the budget as presented, with total being \$1,192,248.28. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

~~Res. 976-08~~ Janie moved to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 7:10pm. Jerry seconded.

The regular meeting held July 7, 2008 was called to order at 7:30. Audience present were Sarah Masek, Nelson Hejduk, Chris Paxton, Joe Bocchi, Winnie Cerbin, ~~Byron Dutton II,~~ Eileen Kusar, George Kaydo, and Al Bruncak.

Res. 977-08 Jerry moved to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2008 meeting as presented. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 978-08 John moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Janie seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 979-08 Jerry moved to allow the Fiscal Officer to transfer funds in the amount of \$44,149.00, from the Special Revenue fund into the Road and Bridge fund as requested. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 980-08 John moved to re-certify the township street lighting districts for the coming year. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

There will be a special called meeting for paying bills held July 28, 2008 at 7:00pm. The fiscal officer will be on vacation for the regular August 4, 08 meeting.

In correspondence we received EMA Notice of Award letters on the snow and ice storms.

Two letters were received from Ashtabula County Prosecutor's office. One deals with required levy language.

~~The other~~ letter recommends only bonded township employees accept money for zoning applications. If applications are accepted by mail, the courts would use the postmark as the start of time for application proceedings.

A letter was received from County Auditor Roger Corlett stating trustees need to make a resolution authorizing the township fiscal officer to obtain an estimate from the county auditor of generated revenue when placing a new, replacement, or renewal levy on the ballot.

A letter was received from Koski Construction Co. indicating price increases due to fuel costs.

Res. 981-08 John move to have all zoning fees handled by the township Zoning Administrator as per the Prosecutor's opinion. Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

John Beninato gave his zoning report. George Kaydo asked what the Health Dept. found after they checked on property near his house. John said he has not heard back from Matt Menzie of the Health Dept.

Discussion was held with trustees, Mr. Kaydo, and Al Bruncak, regarding the cleaning of ditches in the township, both in the road right of way and private property. Jerry said the ditch in question on South Riverview will be cleaned tomorrow or the next day. The trustees have addressed the problem there.

~~John Kusar stated~~ concerning the property at 3785 Woodside, the lady from the mortgage company contacted him. They are not going to repossess the property. There is not enough back taxes for the county to repossess it either. John Beninato said until the house probates, the property is basically in limbo. It would cost more to get rid of debris than the house is worth. John Kusar said a neighbor is interested in the property, and he will get a letter to County Treasurer Bob Harvey inquiring about the process to acquire the house.

John said he met with resident Renee Keener about drainage issues on her property.

John stated there will be a public meeting possibly in August to look at sewer system cost comparisons. John said he would like to check with Grand River Academy as a location for the meeting.

The fiscal officer had brought back an application for a credit card to be used for fuel purchases as discussed by the trustees.

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Res. 982-08 John moved to have the fiscal officer open an account with Andover Bank for fuel purchases only, one card to be issued in the Road Supervisor's name, with a limit of \$1,000.00. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Jerry stated Pete has been talking about the purchase of a snow plow. He has an estimate on a Henke plow of \$7,195.20 from Concord Equipment Co.

Res. 983-08 Jerry moved the township purchase this plow in the amount of \$7,195.20. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Jerry addressed truck prices. He is still working with Valley, nothing heard back from them yet. Greg Sweet has sent an estimate of about \$67,000.00. They were going to come and look at our one ton for trade. Prices look like they would allow \$10,000 for a trade in.

Jerry said he has paperwork from Lisa Hawkins and County Commissioners indicating it is permissible to purchase from a vendor other than state bid vendors, if the pricing is lower than that of a state bid vendor.

Jerry reported he spoke to Randy Gildersleeve, and if it is alright with the board, Little League would like to use the sound system for their all-star game. He will get the system to them.

Res. 984-08 Jerry moved the road crew clean the ditch on South Riverview to Riverview. Janie added this be done under the direction of the County Engineer as per the O.R.C. 5543.12. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Jerry stated Tim Martin has not finished the specs for the paving work discussed previously. Tim said we will be looking at least \$20,000.00 more than originally thought. He advises taking a hard look at whether we still want to do any paving, and consider CRS 2 instead. John said we will look at the figures carefully, everyone is conserving.

Jerry received a packet on the Corridor Plan from AL Dispenza. Ted Seifert has received a copy also, and Sarah is making copies for zoning personnel.

Jerry asked if the fiscal officer has received an answer back from Auditor Kim Jaster on the issue of correcting minutes. Barb had, and passed copies to each trustee. A heated discussion took place between Janie and Barb. Janie cited a book entitled "Parliamentary Law for Dummies" and said her interpretation of Kim Jaster's opinion differed from Barb's, Jerry's, and John's. She said she believed corrections can be made on the minutes copy. Barb said no corrections or alterations may be made to the original copy of the minutes and cited documents given to her and the board at the post-audit interview by Kim. Janie stated the fiscal officer had changed wording of the resolutions made by the board. Barb emphatically stated for the record that she had never changed any wording of resolutions the board of trustees had made. Jerry ended the discussion at this time.

Res. 985-08 John Kusar moved that from now on, no trustee is to write in the minute book except for the Chairman who will sign the minutes. All corrections are to be made in the following meeting minutes. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, no.

Janie said she spoke to RTS Co., and they have an open house on Wednesday, July 9. She will talk to them about playground equipment.

Janie said she talked to Janice Schweitzer, and our recycle bin should be up and running soon.

Janie said the cleaning company that cleaned the town hall straightened the curtains and fixed the clock. Janie mentioned the windows in the town hall are going to need some attention soon.

In audience participation, Nelson Hejduk asked if the new plow would plow cul-de-sacs. Jerry said the little plow is used for the cul-de-sacs.

Joe Bocchi stated he will relent his efforts to get assistance from FEMA in lieu of all the other disasters occurring in the country.

Joe Hejduk offered the use of an arrow sign if needed to advertise for an upcoming sewer meeting. He also asked if citizens could get a copy of the Corridor Plan and maps. Any citizen may request a copy.

Eileen Kusar mentioned the meeting with Congressman LaTourette. She thanked Nelson Hejduk for work he has done. Jerry said Mike Schaab should also be thanked, as he got the sewer committee together and working.

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Joe Bocchi asked what was the time limit on building permits. John Beninato stated projects must be completed in two years, with a one year extension allowed if needed.

Res. 986-08 John Kusar moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

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Jerry Burke

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