

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held July, 21

2008

The July 21, 2008 meeting of Austinburg Township was called to order by Vice Chair Janie Spade at 7:30pm. Trustee Kusar, Joe Bocchi, Shelley Kelner, Winnie Cerbin, Eileen Kusar, Ginny Seifert, Nelson Hejduk, and Byron Dutton were also present.

Res. 987-08 John moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 988-08 John moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Janie seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Receipts were \$182,624.58 due to the receipt of our second half real estate tax settlement. Bills were \$26,425.68.

In correspondence a letter was received from Kinder Morgan indicating another fuel surcharge increase of 39 cents. The surcharge now is \$2.84 per NT.

County Treasurer Bob Harvey wrote in answer to John's letter regarding the property at 3785 Woodside Dr., collecting back taxes, and a tax sale of said property. A copy will be available in the township file.

The Dept. of Commerce wrote stating all Township establishments' liquor permits expire Oct. 1, 2008. The trustees can request hearings on renewals of those permits.

Koski Construction Co. sent notice of price increases due to aggregate price increases.

John reported on the letter we received from Bob Harvey. He sent a letter to Mr. Harvey, a copy is available in the file. He told John normally nothing is done with property like this until more taxes are owed. A neighbor of the Woodside property asked if the township can mow the property. John informed them the township cannot mow the property.

John said he received two calls from residents. One regarding grass growing up in the road ditch, and one regarding water in a basement.

Res. 989-08 John moved we advertise for the vacancy on the ZBA. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Letters of interest will be taken until the August 18, 2008 meeting. Barb will place the ad in the paper.

John reported he spoke with Mike Miller concerning Public Works money for the sewer project. He is the gentleman Capri Cafaro's office aligned with John. Mr. Miller will get back with John after checking the ORC to answer whether or not more than one application may be made for the funding of one project. John has spoken with Larry Meaney about this, and Larry has stated as far as he knows, only one application may be filed.

John said there is no date set for the public meeting on the life cycle and cost comparisons of the two sewer systems. John stated he thinks it should be held on a Saturday afternoon so working people can attend.

John reported on the Small Community Infrastructure Group. These are people that look for money to fund these projects. He gave the information to Janice Schweitzer, and she will look into this.

Janie stated the county did get approved for Appalachian status, maybe this will help with securing funding.

John stated he would like to send a letter to the County Commissioners from the trustees, asking them to send a letter to Senator Voinovich and Brown asking them to support the funding LaTourette secured in the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. Janie said they should wait for Jerry to get home to sign the letter also. She said it should be a unified letter from the whole board. John said he will get the letter to Jerry to sign as soon as he comes home.

John Beninato gave his zoning report. He suggested sending notice to residents on pool regulations and other miscellaneous zoning requirements. This may be done in the fall newsletter.

Janie reported on a meeting she had at RTS Co. at 1:30 on the day of their open house. Pete was in attendance also. They will give the township a 25% discount on the playground equipment we have been looking into. Prices on equipment, mulch and rubber matting were discussed. John inquired about the cement foundations for the equipment. Janie stated Pete has all information on that in a folder at the road garage. Janie will get the pricing on the cement required for equipment foundations.

Janie moved to purchase the playground equipment from RTS. John said he would like to wait for Jerry to return before making a decision on the purchase.

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In audience participation, Joe Bocchi reported on the story appearing in the Star Beacon about his problems with storm damage to his home. He said he had lots of calls offering help and he would like to thank all those who offered help. Brobst Tree Service removed the tree trunk from his house.

Eileen Kusar asked who will keep an eye on the new playground equipment. Janie said our other equipment had been there for a long time. Falling trees have taken some out, ~~and we are insured.~~

Ginny Seifert asked about the recycle bin. Janie said the only hold-up is the cement pad.

Nelson Hejduk addressed sending letters out to residents about the sewer money.

Byron Dutton gave the trustees the marker for Donald Young's grave that he donated. He stated the crew did a good job taking off the berms on Lampson Rd. He reported he had a theft of steel at his business.

Res. 990-08 With no other business to come before the board, John moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

*Jerry Benke*  
Chairman

*Barbara Schaab*