

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township Meeting
Held August 4, 2008

The August 4, 2008 meeting of Austinburg Township was called to order by Jerry Burke at 7:34pm. Trustee Spade, Trustee Kusar, Ted Seifert, Diane Mongenel, Ginny Seifert, Winnie Cerbin, Shelley Kilner, Joe Bocchi, Norell Dearing, Joseph Hejduk, Jr., Byron C. Dutton II, John Beninato, and Nelson Hejduk were also present.

Since the fiscal officer was on vacation for this meeting, Zoning Commission Secretary Sarah Masek took minutes. A special meeting for paying bills had already been held on July 28.

John reported on a letter received from Larry Meaney announcing a public work session with Smolen Engineering on the life cycle and cost comparisons of the two sewer systems (vacuum vs. gravity) on August 14 at 10:30am in the county commissioners' meeting room.

Res. 994-08 John moved to hold a public meeting on August 23 at Grand River Academy (time to be determined) to discuss the two sewer systems and any other issues concerning the sewers and to send out an announcement of the meeting's time and place with the township's bulk permit to all residents. The roll: Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

John reviewed the letters sent from the Township Trustees to Senators Voinovich and Brown, asking them to support the funding from the House Energy and Water Appropriations Bill for the Austinburg Sewer Project. These letters were attached to a letter to County Commissioner Claypool, asking the commissioners to also send letters of support.

John reported meeting with Mrs. Trebuchon, a resident with water issues next to Pilot. The ditch needs to be cleaned, so he advised her to contact the State and to install gutters to address the problem.

Janie reported on the "extremely great offer" for the playground equipment and installation for the Township Park. A large playground structure – with discount – would cost \$5000 and several playground items totaled approximately \$3000. Based on the fiscal officer's suggestion of mulch (for insurance purposes), mulching the new equipment and the existing 2 swing sets would cost approximately \$5500. Cement for equipment foundations would cost approximately \$300-350. Janie stated that \$20,000 had been already allocated for this purpose. Jerry stated concern about baseball diamond; Janie suggested waiting until sewer installation.

Res. 995-08 Janie moved to spend approximately \$14,000 to purchase and install equipment for the Township Park for the following items from RTS: Two-Seat Dino, Jeep Spring Rider, Horse Spring Rider, Jeep 4-Way Spring Rider, Single Bay Swings (with 2 tot seats, chains, and swing hangers); and the structure as shown in RTS's drawing #08-2116. John seconded. The roll call: Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Norell Dearing stated that it is "tough times" with the sewer issue to be putting a lot of money into this. Janie responded that Park upkeep is the Township's responsibility. John stated that it had already been appropriated.

Janie announced the next NAD meeting is this Wednesday at 6:00 in the NAD building.

John Beninato announced there have been no new zoning permits in the last 2 weeks. Norell Dearing stated his concern that he was required to hold a zoning permit for his renovation, but Ted Seifert is not. Ted Seifert replied that he has all necessary permits and that his renovations meet all legal requirements.

Res. 996-08 John moved to purchase a truck with plow from Greg Sweet for \$58132.33 and trade in the Township's 1-ton for \$9000; there is no need for a bid since this is underbidding Valley Ford and the State bid. Jerry seconded. The roll call: Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. ~~997~~⁹⁹⁹-08 Jerry moved to apply CRS2 on Forman Rd. (from St. Rt. 307 to Eagleville Rd.), Allen Rd., Lampson Rd., Mill Creek Rd., River Glen Dr. and Campus St., postponing pavement until at least next year when prices are expected to improve. John seconded. The roll call: Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

In audience participation, Ted Seifert questioned Trustees' next step for the Corridor Plan. John responded that, once the Zoning Commission finishes addressing text changes for signage, a joint meeting will be set up with Albert Dispenza, the Trustees, and the Zoning Commission. Ted stated his concern that the issue not become lost.

Winnie Cerbin asked if there was ever any discussion about posting a NO TURN ON RED sign for southbound vehicles at the Rt.90 exit. Trustees replied no.

Norell Dearing commented that that area's roads cannot handle the number of semi-trucks exiting the freeway. John discussed plans to divert traffic through the elimination of multiple ingress/egress points.

Joe Bocchi asked how road surfaces are repaired. Jerry answered that they are leveled off with a grader, dust control is applied to bind dust and dirt together, and it is finished with chip and seal. Joe asked how Ravinewood Rd. qualified for a paved road. Jerry explained those residents petitioned for it and are individually assessed for it on their property taxes.

Nelson Hejduk wondered why, according to his conversations with Larry Meaney, there is a problem with infiltration of groundwater into the sewers. John stated he would look into the issue before the August 23 meeting.

Norell Dearing asked about old chip and seal methods. Jerry answered questions about road thickness and effectiveness.

Byron Dutton complimented the Township's work on Lampson Rd.

Joseph Hejduk, Jr., asked John if he had investigated the possibility of an informational sign announcing Township matters, similar to the one in Saybrook Township. John replied he had not yet looked into that.

John suggested Sarah attend the next regularly scheduled Township meeting, to answer any questions that may arise from the minutes. Trustees agreed. Sarah agreed and announced she will leave a typed copy of tonight's minutes on the fiscal officer's desk.

Res. ~~998~~⁹⁹⁹-08 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah Masek
Zoning Commission Secretary

