

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held December 1,

2008

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held December 1, 2008 was called to order at 7:30pm with the Pledge. Trustees Burke, Kusar, and Spade were present. Audience present were Winnie Cerbin, Byron Dutton II, Joe Hejduk, and Nelson Hejduk.

Res. 1051-08 Janie moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, correcting the time of the NAD meeting to 6:00. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 1052-08 John moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Bills totaled \$23,300.58. Receipts totaled \$12,733.39.

The fiscal officer reported the JLS bill came in above the previously capped amount of \$225.00. The bill is \$299.75. Janie explained that was due to the wrong computer being moved to the zoning office, necessitating more time being billed.

Res. 1053-08 Janie moved to pay JLS Computer Services the billed amount of \$299.75. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

In correspondence, OTARMA sent a ballot and biographies of candidates running for the Board of Directors. The trustees reviewed the candidates' biographies.

Catherine Colgan sent a response to the inquiry about noise regulations. She repeated her response that Austinburg cannot enforce these federal regulations.

Janie made the recommendation to vote for Marsha Funk and Frank Gliha for the OTARMA Board of Directors. She stated Marsha has been on the Board. The trustees decided to table the vote until next meeting, giving them more time to review the candidates' information.

John Beninato gave his zoning report. The question of Tuesday zoning hours was raised. John said he is not planning on manning those hours during Don's absence, unless he is needed. Jerry stated since not much is going on, we can suspend those hours for now. A notice will be placed on the door and in the paper.

John Kusar stated the newsletter will be picked up Wednesday and will be out this week.

John reported Lou Gentile met with the Commissioners regarding Ashtabula County's Appalachian status. He said there may be money available for the sewer project. The fiscal year for those funds is June to June, but there is no local office set up yet for the disbursement of those funds.

John stated the Christmas parade is set for December 12 at 6:00pm. The route is from the church to the town hall. It will be followed by the tree lighting ceremony, and we will have a Sheriff Dept. car here.

Janie stated the NAD meeting is Wed., Dec. 3 at 6:00.

Janie reported she put Norton Anti-virus protection on the zoning computer. The charge to the credit card will be \$59.95.

Janie mentioned the township ordinarily gives the road crew 40 hours of bonus pay at this time of year. She feels the men have done a good job and deserve the bonus. Jerry agreed they have done a good job, but with the economy, perhaps the board should look into a set amount instead of a whole week. John asked how long has this bonus been given. Barb stated the township used to give a set amount but then changed to one week, 40 hours, as an incentive pay. Discussion was held on both.

Res. 1054-08 Janie moved to give one week incentive pay for the full time road employees. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Jerry stated he received a letter from Tim Martin. The road mileage certification is to be signed by two trustees on Dec. 15. Jerry can go to sign, and Janie stated she is available also.

Jerry received complaints from residents about snowmobiles on private property. He said there is nothing the township can do.

Jerry got a price on a baseboard heater for the township office. He will bring more information later.

The year end meeting will be held on December 29, 2008. The Fire Dept. Dependency Board will meet beginning at 6:30. The meeting will follow.

In audience participation, Byron Dutton asked that Pete be informed of a large pothole on Pelton Rd. north of Rt. 307. Jerry will let Pete know.

Res. 1055-08 At 8:10pm, Janie moved to adjourn the meeting. John seconded.

*Heath Burke Barbara Khash*  
*Board Chairman*