

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held January 20,

2009

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held January 20, 2009 was called to order at 7:30pm. Present were trustees Burke, Kusar, and Spade. Audience present; Ginny and Ted Seifert, Diane Mongenel, Joe Hejduk, Cher Gilson, Byron Dutton, Nelson Hejduk, Lorna Masek, Sarah Masek, Ernie Krysa, and Jacklyn Krysa.

Res. 1090-09 Janie moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 1091-09 John moved to approve paying the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Bills totaled \$20,889.93. Receipts totaled \$38,986.38 including the Sav-A-Lot tax donation received.

In correspondence the township received a copy of projects submitted in hope of securing some of the President Obama economic stimulus money.

A proposal was submitted from Nolan Door for replacement of fire hall doors. Jerry will get other quotes and report back to the board.

The census bureau has requested a list of homeless shelters in the township if any exist. This is in conjunction with the 2010 decennial census.

A questionnaire from the Neighborhood Stabilization Committee was sent to the township.

The Ohio EPA is holding a meeting regarding the proposed sight of a Saybrook Elementary School campus and it's impact on the shoreline. The meeting is January 21, 2009 at 6:30pm.

The fiscal officer stated Mike Schaab had asked for and received a grant application from Natureworks, a division of ODNR. This money may be used for the refurbishing of township parks, land acquisition for parks, etc. Jerry said the grant packet will be reviewed by the trustees.

John reported he had spoken with Leroy McNeilly about ditch work on Forman Rd. This is on private property, and Mr. McNeilly stated the county can go onto private property with permission to make the problem right. He said it may take about a year to get to this ditching area.

John stated he received an e-mail from Aaron of Senator Capri Cafaro's office. The e-mail is in regards to Senator Sherrod Brown writing to request some of President Obama's economic stimulus money be allocated for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements.

John said that regarding the township work rules, he would like to send a letter to the County Prosecutor's office requesting a copy of their personnel policies, and a definition of "sick time". Jerry stated he had asked the fiscal officer to send a copy of our work rules over to Catherine Colgan for her review and advice. He stated maybe we should wait to see what comes back from Ms. Colgan. Barb stated we have not heard back yet.

John stated he would like to table any zoning appointments for now. He has further questions for the existing applicants. Jerry said that is fine with him. Janie asked if John had more applicants for interview. John said he did not, only questions for the applicants already interviewed.

Janie reported the last NAD Board meeting was held on January 7. It was a regular as well as organizational meeting for the board. The report stated NAD had 311 calls to Austinburg for the year 2008. The next NAD meeting will be Feb. 4, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Janie reported on the EMA agreement handed out at the Ashtabula County Township Association meeting.

Res. 1092-09 Janie moved to adopt and sign the County EMA agreement. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Jerry reported he had a call about a drainage issue on Penobscot, off of Tote Rd. Jerry said the township can't do anything here as it is a private road.

Jerry is going to try to see Dave Smith of the County Building Dept. regarding the ceiling in the township road garage.

Jerry said at last meeting there was some discussion on total payroll of temporary help for 2007 and 2008. He asked the fiscal officer if she had looked the totals up. Barb reported \$5948.00 for 2007 and 2008 had \$11,045.00.

Jerry will follow up on the fire hall doors and proposals.

In audience comments, Diane Mongenel inquired about zoning experience of applicants for

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zoning positions. Janie responded that one applicant wants to switch boards, and one is currently serving on a zoning board. Diane also addressed what was being asked regarding the work rules. John stated the rules are vague and need some clarification.

Joe Hejduk said he believed the price on the fire hall door was not too bad.

Cher Gilson stated she is still interested in a zoning position if the trustees would still like to interview her. She had been held up in Cleveland when she was to be interviewed previously. The trustees said they could interview her after tonight's meeting if possible. She said she would stay.

Byron Dutton commented that he believes different perspectives represented on zoning boards is a good idea. Various community residents should have input in their community.

Jerry stated he received copies of easement packets for the sewer area from Larry Meany. Nelson Hejduk said he would contact residents about the outstanding easements.

Jackie Krysa asked if the zoning appointments may be made before the next zoning meeting in February. She also stated the commission had asked her to relay to the trustees, that it might be beneficial to have the trustees rotate their attendance at Zoning Commission meetings.

Barb asked about the signatures required on the EMA agreement.

Res. 1093-09 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Jerry Burk

Board Chairman

Barbara Schaab