

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held September 21,

2009

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held September 21, 2009 was called to order at 7:30pm with the Pledge. Trustees Burke, Kusar, and Spade, were all present.

Res. 1222-09 Janie moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 8, 2009 Public Hearing as written. John seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 1223-09 Janie moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Sept. 8, 2009 with the removal of the word "tentative" when John announces the date of the Commissioners meeting on October 6. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 1224-09 John moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts were \$33,008.58. Bills totaled \$15,424.92.

The fiscal officer questioned paying a bill for dues to the Fire Chief's Assoc. The fire levy doesn't really hold any provision for an expenditure of this type.

Res. 1225-09 John moved to pay the dues of the Fire Chief's Association for Bill Wilms out of the General Fund. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

John K. asked that newsletter articles be turned in by next meeting. Janie stated NAD would like to distribute their reflective address sign order forms, and will pay any additional cost incurred. John will check on additional cost to the township.

John said he called Larry Meaney regarding the test bores for the sewer project. He has received no documentation on this from Larry.

At this time Jerry read the recommendations from the Zoning Commission and opened discussion.

John stated he feels they should be accepted. Case Law is going through on political signs and we can revisit that if necessary. No permit should be required for a sign that has no physical aspects changed.

Jerry stated he feels a permit should be required to create a paper trail. The fee can be waived. John said signs are not the way to create a paper trail. Joe Hejduk added more paperwork than necessary is being created. Janie said she understands there is a paper trail made from the original permit for the sign is issued.

John Beninato said a permit would give him a better tracking record showing him what is staying and what might change. The fees are up to the trustees.

Janie stated these recommendations may be modified by the trustees.

Res. 1226-09 John K. moved to accept the zoning recommendation to eliminate Political Signs from the zoning text. Also to replace Section 1210(3) with "As long as the size, shape, and location of the sign is not changed, the copy may be changed requiring a new permit." Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 1227-09 John moved the fee on existing signs, as long as size, shape, and location stay the same, will be \$0. Janie seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report. A copy is available in the file.

Janie reported she and Randy Bluhm from Grand River Academy met with Leroy McNeilly on Sept. 19 to discuss the school's crosswalks on College St. Some suggestions made were a sign overhead, the Illuminating Co. could light the area. Janie and Randy have e-mailed Mark Jones of the Illuminating Co. regarding the latter. GRA would like to place portable sign indicating pedestrian crossing at each of their raised crosswalks on College St.

Res. 1228-09 John moved the township allow the placement of portable pedestrian crossing signs in the middle of the road at the crosswalks. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Janie stated the NAD meeting will be October 7, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Jerry addressed the pictures sent to the township from the Ahlman family of drainage problems on their property. Jerry went to look at the area. He said they are getting dirt runoff from their neighbors property. Jerry said they are going to take care of drainage pipes located there, and he referred them to the Soil and Water Conservation office.

Jerry stated he spoke with RTS about the four seat teeter-totter in the park. It has broken already, and the company will send someone over to look at it. He will report on their decision.

Jerry met with Larry Meaney and Joyce from a company called Arcap. This company has

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been subcontracted by the EPA to look at the environmental impact the sewer project may have. She took pictures and reported no impact was found.

Jerry said he received a complaint about someone burning leaves on the new asphalt on River Glen. Jerry went to take a look and informed the resident that if the asphalt breaks up due to burning, they will have to pay for any damage.

Jerry said the roadmen are getting the glass for the town hall windows as previously discussed.

Jerry spoke with Randy Gildersleeve, he will check out the low wire between the town hall and fire hall.

Jerry said he looked at prices on sprucing up the buildings behind the town hall. He said it will take about 3 pieces of metal for the roof, about 3 buckets of roof cement, and 5 to 10 gallons of paint. Jerry said he would be willing to spray the buildings.

Res. 1229-09 Jerry moved to spend the money to purchase the material for the buildings. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Jerry spoke to Mark Jones about moving the poles on Forman Rd. because of the road project. He sent Mark the information on the road and pole locations.

Discussion was held on bidding stone for the Forman Rd. project. Pete suggested bidding now with current pricing. John stated he feels it should be bid when the road is opened up, and can see what is needed. Jerry said he would like to see it bid delivered and applied to the road.

Jerry reported on quotes he received for moving ditches and dirt work on Forman Rd. Skidmore; \$115.00 per hour/ \$2.25 per foot. Adams Services; \$2.00 per foot. Ritter Excavating; \$2.05 per foot. Jackson Construction; \$20,000.00.

Res. 1230-09 Jerry moved to hire Adams Services Inc. to dig ditches per county specs, fill in existing ditches with new ditch material, load township trucks with excess dirt, man running laser to survey ditch elevations and ditch placement from center lines, at \$2.00 per foot/ total \$19,200. Workers Comp and liability insurance provided. OPWC will pay the contractor. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

In audience participation, Jacob of BSA asked about the trustees' decision on the zoning issues. John explained their decision and the process.

Gavin inquired about the need for motions and seconds. Janie explained what is done, and the township follows Robert's Rules.

Jacob asked about the positions of the township officials. Jerry explained each position and duties.

Ted Seifert mentioned the zoning conference in Westlake. He would like to attend and the township pay expenses. Ted stated Rich Dana resigned from zoning.

Bill Wilms gave a Fire Dept. report. They have a committee together to look into the tank repairs on 503.

James from Scouts asked about the township position on H1N1 and what the main issue is for the township.

Brian thanked the township for the time and input. The scouts are earning their citizenship badges.

Nelson Hejduk stated he had a request from Kim Wolfe. She wanted to know what they are going to do on her property when placing the rip-rap. Janie stated Kim must provide a copy of the signed and notarized statement with the county so they can go on her property. It will be spelled out on that letter.

Res. 1231-09 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Jerry seconded.

Deed Burk

Boad Chairman

Barbara Schaub