

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held January 4,

2010

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held January 4, 2010 was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Gerald Burke, John Kusar, Janie Spade, and residents Ted and Ginny Seifert, Byron Dutton II, and David Thomas were present.

Res. 1275-10 Janie moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. John seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 1276-10 John moved Jerry Burke serve as Trustee Chairman for 2010, as he is retired and available for township needs. Janie said the main function of Chairman is to run meetings, projects can have a trustee liaison if needed. Janie seconded the motion. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1277-10 John moved Janie serve as Vice-Chair. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1278-10 Janie moved trustee liaisons will remain the same as before; Jerry has roads, buildings, cemeteries. John has zoning, newsletter. Janie has fire dept., NAD, parks. John seconded. The roll call vote; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

The fiscal officer reported she had spoken with OTARMA about the idea of a skating rink in the township park proposed by Shawn Shannon. Specifics would have to be relayed to OTARMA, recommended signage would have to be placed, and there would be an approximate premium of \$250.00 - \$500.00 annually.

Barb also reported on bidding on used equipment. The trustees still must go out for bids when over \$25,000.00. The specs on a used piece are advertised as a new one would be.

The fiscal officer stated the trustees have copies of appropriations for 2010, based on work session discussions and last year's spending.

Res. 1279-10 Janie moved to approve the temporary appropriations in the amount of \$1,295,834.00 for 2010. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report. There may be a change in the eateries at Flying J to Denny's Restaurant.

Jerry discussed the matter of a raise for John Beninato. The last raise he received was June of 2008.

Res. 1280-10 Janie moved John B. receive \$600.00 per month plus mileage at the state approved IRS rate when touring the township. John K. seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

John Kusar reported the homeless man that had been parked at the Rails to Trails property behind Jewel's is now parked at Flying J in Saybrook Twp.

John stated he has spoken with John Smolen about work the trustees have considered for the town hall. Mr. Smolen said the township could apply for CDBG money for ADA modifications of the hall. He said he would give a free estimate for his architectural services as well as estimates on possible prices for the work needed. John said this is a starting point, with maybe doing some of the work in 2011, leaving time to seek out grant money. Janie said she would like to see kitchen updates considered with the work already discussed.

Res. 1281-10 Janie moved to have John get John Smolen in to review the town hall work, and give his free estimates. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Janie stated the NAD meeting is this Wed. at 7:00pm in the NAD building.

Janie said the article written to the Star Beacon by David Thomas was very good.

John mentioned the open zoning positions. This will be tabled until next meeting. The Zoning Commission has a meeting this Wednesday, John will attend and report to the trustees next meeting on needed positions.

Jerry mentioned a past discussion on constructing a building for township equipment. Sizes and approximate costs for materials were discussed. Jerry said a resident, Mr. Berkey, is willing to draw up prints at no cost. Jerry stated it would be good for the township to see if the Vo-Ed school would be interested in building it.

Res. 1282-10 Jerry moved to have Mr. Berkey draw up prints on a 40 x 60 x 12' building, two sliding doors, one man door, constructed of metal. Costs for the prints, if charged, are capped at \$200.00. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 1283-10 Janie moved that expenses for conferences and seminars that further education, be reimbursed at actual lodging cost, meals up to \$50.00 per day with receipts, and mileage at IRS rates. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

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Res. 1284-10 Janie moved to adopt current work rules, with the work week beginning 12:01 Monday to Midnight, Sunday. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1285-10 Janie moved to maintain the current zoning, cemetery and town hall fees for 2010, reviewed as needed. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 1286-10 Janie moved to retain Bill Wilms as Fire Chief, John Beninato, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Masek, zoning secretary, Cindy Hejduk, town hall custodian. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 1287-10 Janie moved to re-certify the zoning maps. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1288-10 Janie moved township elected officials be paid on salary basis. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1289-10 Janie moved to continue the HRA as township health coverage. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 1290-10 As Records Commission Chair, Jerry moved no township records will be disposed of at this time. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 1291-10 John moved township meetings will be held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30pm, meetings falling on legal holidays will be moved to the following Tuesday. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 1292-10 Janie moved to give Road Supervisor Mike Petro a raise of 50 cents per hour, to \$18.54. Roadmen Scott Tenney and Bill Wilms, 45 cents per hour. Scott will be \$15.30, Bill will be \$16.02. Jerry stated this is not what was discussed at the trustee work session. Raises of 45, 40, 40 cents respectively, were discussed. Janie said many amounts were discussed. John seconded the motion. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, no because this was not the amount discussed at length during the previous work session. Spade, aye.

Res. 1293-10 Jerry moved at only the organizational meeting of the trustees each year, the trustees' attendance will be recorded as Gerald Burke, John Kusar, Janie Spade. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

In audience, Ted Seifert asked if any new zoning applications had been sent in. Barb stated she had not received any yet.

Byron Dutton discussed the suggestion of Albert Dispenza, to go with comprehensive planning with the county, and/or using college students. Byron said he believes the incoming sewers will make comprehensive planning necessary.

Ginny Seifert addressed grants for town hall work, since the building is historic in nature.

David Thomas asked when zoning meetings are held. ZBA meets as needed, Commission meets first Wed. each month.

Res. 1294-10 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

*Jerry Burke*  
*Board Chair*  
*Barbara Schaan*