

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held February 1, 2010

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held February 1, 2010 was called to order by Trustee Chair Burke at 7:30pm. Trustees Kusar, Spade, Ted and Ginny Seifert, Byron Dutton II, Paul Stough, Winnie Cerbin, David Thomas, Brian Forman were present.

Res. 1305-10 John moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1306-10 John moved to pay the bills of the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Receipts totaled \$9,687.49. Bills totaled \$19,559.58.

The fiscal officer explained the information given the township regarding the decrease in tax donation payments from Sav-A-Lot. Joe Mayernik brought the information last Wed. along with an amended agreement for trustee signatures. After discussion the trustees decided they would rather speak with the parties involved, Geneva School district, JVS, and County officials, as well as hear what is stated at the upcoming abatement review hearing. Barb will contact Joe with the decision, and ask when the review will be scheduled and let the trustees know. They also requested something in writing regarding this amendment.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report. One permit was issued.

John K. met with the architect from Smolen Engineering regarding the town hall. He suggested an addition on the east side of the hall for handicapped restrooms and fire proof records room. He also viewed the ceiling in the main hall. He will work up quotes for his services and the work itself. It will be quoted in two phases. We are able to apply for CDBG grants for the rest rooms without median income affecting the application. John said Aaron from Capri Cafaro's office will look for possible state funds.

John reported Sarah Masek agreed to do the clerical work for the ZBA.

Janie said the NAD meeting is this Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Janie stated Ginny Seifert's aunt who passed away left some money to be used for park improvements. Ginny Seifert stated it was \$750.00 and perhaps it could be used toward the restoration of the Civil War monument in the park. Ginny and Janie will follow up on this, getting some prices and recommendations of material that would be best to use.

Jerry said the trucks using Forman Rd. to haul dirt to the school construction will cause problems on the road after the freeze.

Res. 1307-10 Jerry prepared a letter to send the Commissioners on the advice of Tim Martin asking for a 35% reduction of load limits on Forman and all township roads due to frost limits until May 15, and moved to send this letter. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Jerry mentioned the need for an equipment storage building that has been discussed. He checked with the Vo-Ed school, and they may have an opening in the fall of the year. The township would have to write a letter to them, and they will take it from there.

Jerry stated he and Mike Schaab have been speaking with Larry Meaney regarding the county applying for funds from 2011 appropriations. The request is for \$450,000.00 and would be used to defray the cost of sewer tie ins. Jerry had letters written to Senators Sherrod Brown and George Voinovich in support the county's request for funds. The board agreed this would be worthwhile and signed the letters of support.

Jerry reported he had secured a 40KW surplus generator from the county at no cost for township use. He stated he would like to eventually get it mounted on a trailer so it could be moved where needed.

In audience participation, Byron Dutton asked what might be done for a ball field now that the new elementary school is being built on land currently used for a field. Jerry said he did not know as yet. Discussion was held on possible sites for ball fields.

Byron asked about a gas line to the road garage. Pete has contacted the company and they are supposedly still working on it.

David Thomas inquired how often the web site is updated. Janie said she sends in minutes for township and zoning. She is still waiting on the last newsletter to forward.

Joe Hejduk suggested asking residents via the newsletter if anyone might be willing to donate a piece of property for a ball field.

Res. 1308-10 Jerry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Janie seconded.

Jerry Burke
Board Chairman
Barbara Schaab