

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held March 15,

2010

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held March 15, 2010 was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Burke, Kusar, Spade, Ted Seifert, Winnie Cerbin, David Thomas, Bill Wilms, Brian Forman, Willis Clay, Don Herman, Joe Hejduk, and Byron Dutton were present.

Res. 1320-10 John moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1321-10 Janie moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Receipts were \$5,702.89. Bills totaled \$17,544.68.

Res. 1322-10 Jerry moved to accept the appropriations as permanent in the amount of \$1,295,834.00. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

The amended certificate of estimated resources was received from the County Auditor. The amount is \$1,618,964.54.

Res. 1323-10 Janie moved to file with the County Commissioners for Memorial Day expenses after Memorial Day in the amount of \$100.00. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported on prices for air packs.

Res. 1324-10 John moved to buy 4 breathing packs from Warren Fire Equipment at \$4,083.00 each, containing pack and bottle. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 1325-10 Janie moved to allow Bill Wilms and Tod Dutton to attend the fire chief's conference in Sandusky as per township travel policy. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Discussion was held on mats for use during burials for placing under the equipment. Bill will talk to Morgan Twp. about these and get prices.

John K. reported on the trustees' work session where the NOPEC grant was discussed. John stated he would like to send a letter to John Smolen to get an estimate of engineering costs on a detailed drawing of proposed town hall projects to submit for the grant application. John would like to include the ADA bathroom changes so they will be in the drawing to submit for possible CDBG grant applications. John said Janice Schweitzer told him the township has a better chance of securing the CDBG grant if it is applied for as a matching grant. John will draft the letter to Smolen.

John said that lower income residents can apply for CDBG grants to assist them with the sewer tie ins from their home to the sewer line. John stated Janice will let him know what the income threshold is.

John said he received calls from Carl Feather and residents about a tax levy for Sheriff protection, as some townships are doing. He told Carl this is not something the trustees have discussed as a board. John said some residents told him they would be in favor of it. Discussion was held on the issue of an additional tax levy. Jerry said he thinks the township should wait on this and see what happens with the Sheriff dept.

John said Larry Meaney will send Barb any correspondence between the county and Mr. Excavator electronically to Barb.

Joe Hejduk said he believed Mr. Excavator was in town digging test holes with no plans to work from, not knowing where utility lines might be.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave a zoning report.

Janie reported she contacted Janice Schweitzer about the county's clean up date. Janice told her no date has been set as yet.

Res. 1326-10 Janie moved the township Clean Up Day be April 24, 2010 from 8:00am to noon. Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Janie spoke with Deb Newcomb about the township war monument. There might be grants available for restoration.

Janie reported on the economic steering committee discussions she sat in on. She was in the image enhancement break out session. Janie stated she was very positive about the work done.

Janie said she will get the Geneva Junior High band and a speaker for Memorial Day services.

Jerry spoke with Pat Dougherty about the wires being moved on Forman Rd.

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Jerry attended the tax abatement hearings for RTS and Sav-A-Lot. He reported Sav-A-lot is planning to add on to their facility. Jerry mentioned to their representative that parking would have to be addressed.

Res. 1327-10 Janie moved Barb be the delegate for the township for public records training. There is a training session held March 29 at the Commissioners meeting room. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Jerry discussed the equipment shed the township would like to construct. He stated material prices on a 40x60 building will be approximately \$17,000.00 to \$18,000.00. A 40x96 building would run about \$9,300.00 more. He has not heard from the Vo-Ed school yet. John said the township should decide where the building will be placed so we can get the prep work done.

In audience participation, Ted Seifert announced the Zoning Commission will have a work session on March 17 at 7:00pm.

Brian Forman asked about the article in the Star beacon dealing with Sheriff protection and tax levies.

Willis Clay introduced himself as a candidate for County Commissioner, running as an Independent.

Byron Dutton informed the trustees the fire dept. will be burning a barn on the property at the corner of Clay St. and Rt. 45. He also addressed the problem of people dumping tires on various properties.

Joe Hejduk said he will not be in favor of an additional tax to fund Sheriff protection. Joe suggested putting an article in the township newsletter for people to be aware of the dumping of tires and report it.

Jerry stated he has put all six chairs he purchased for the township in the town hall.

Res. 1328-10 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

*Jerry Burke*  
*Board Chairman*

*Barbara Schaab*