

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held April 18, 2011

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held April 18, 2011 was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Kusar. Trustees Burke, Spade, Serge Grenier, Mary Zappitelli, Don Herman, Winnie Cerbin, Shawn Shannon, Evelyn Schaeffer, Annette Sheldon, Byron Dutton II, Brian Forman, and Jim Yuhas Jr. were present.

Res. 82-11 Jerry moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 83-11 Jerry moved to approve the bills as the lawful obligation of the township. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts were \$235,279.41 with receipt of real estate taxes. Bills totaled \$14,759.86.

The township received the health insurance renewal packet.

We received the levy language from the County Prosecutor.

Res 84-11 Jerry moved to accept the levy language on both the five year, one mil operating levy and the five year, one mil fire fund levy, and proceed to the ballot this November. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 85-11 Janie moved the applications for competitive health insurance quotes be filled out by plan participants. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

John Beninato gave his zoning report.

Geneva Schools Superintendent Mary Zappitelli addressed the trustees. She stated she was in attendance to gather information on the need for a fence to be installed on the east side of the new elementary school in Austinburg. It was explained the school is permitted in a residential area, but is a non-residential use. The best course of action is to apply to the ZBA for a variance. John Beninato said he worked with the architect, but then the architect came and stated they wanted to take the fence out of the plan. John B. will assist Mrs. Zappitelli with the ZBA application process.

Janie reported she is still trying to set something up with J.R. from Behms to discuss the monument in the park.

Janie said she would like a work session to discuss equipment and roads. John asked her if she had inquired about a marker for the Rt. 307 cemetery when talking to Behms. Janie will ask about that when she talks to them.

Jerry said he met with Commissioner Moroski regarding the catch basins in Sidley Ct. There may be TIF money available. Mr. Moroski suggests a letter be sent to him so he may bring this for discussion to the Commissioners. Jerry will prepare the letter.

Jerry stated there was discussion at last meeting about trees at the corner of Lampson and Pelton Rds. that created visibility issues. Pete and Jerry went to see Mr. Cline about these nine trees. He is an elderly man and Jerry stated maybe the township could assist him with the removal. Pete estimated it would only take about 1 ½ hour to remove them.

Res. 86-11 Jerry moved the township cut out the shrubs at ground level on Mr. Cline's property, alleviating the visibility problem. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Jerry brought in some quotes from Haines memorials for the Rt. 307 cemetery marker. Using American granite, a straight stone is \$1,047.00. A tapered stone is \$1,108.00. Each had a sample inscription. John said he would like to see other quotes before deciding.

Jerry said he spoke with Tim Martin about applying for OPWC funds in the upcoming pre-application round. Tim told him to utilize the same estimate for the work on Forman from Rt. 307 to Lampson Rd. that Tim prepared last year. It totals \$199,990.00.

Jerry received a call from Brian Anderson regarding an abatement applied for by RTS. Jerry said he believed they are supposed to have full time employees, but RTS is using a temp agency. Brian said he will look into it.

Discussion was held on the extras that have developed in the town hall renovation project. John received a quote from Schwartz Construction for these. A crack in a beam in the ceiling has been discovered. Smolen Engineering has looked at it and suggested two ways to fix it. One way is using bolts, the other involves the use of a shore tower from the floor in the basement. The trustees will hold a special meeting when quotes from Schwartz on both are received.

The change order quotes from Schwartz on the town hall are; install T1-11 siding and trim in the vestibule, \$1,175.00. New drywall on north and south interior face and 1'3" section on

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east and west wall, \$1,475.00. Wrap aluminum around exterior of windows being replaced, \$2,565.00. New smoke detectors and CO2 sensors, \$575.00. All labor and material, total cost for all- \$5,790.00.

Res. 87-11 Jerry moved to approve the change order and spend the \$5,790.00 for these extras. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 88-11 John moved to hold a work session on Friday, April 22 at 7:00pm to discuss the ceiling beam quotes if received. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Evelyn Schaeffer and Annette Sheldon discussed paint choices with the trustees. They will research colors and present a couple choices.

John reported trees came down on Mill Creek Rd. The road crew went out to take care of them.

John passed out a sample agenda for discussion on equipment and road projects for any upcoming work session. He suggests Pete look into state bids on a truck.

Shawn Shannon addressed the moving of the postal carriers from our post office to the Geneva post office. He feels action needs to be taken to prevent what looks like the eventual phasing out of Austinburg's post office. The fiscal officer read some information on the process used in this move.

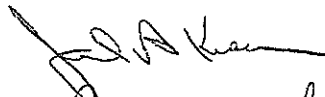
Evelyn Schaeffer spoke about the problem with traffic turning left into McDonalds from Rt. 45. There was only supposed to be right in and right out on Rt. 45. G.H. Dr. was to be used for other directions.

Byron Dutton addressed trucks still turning into Pilot from Rt. 45 when they should use Sidley Ct. to access Pilot.

Brian Forman asked about some culvert pipe at the township garage. They came from Winnie Cerbin's property. Mrs. Cerbin told Brian he can have them.

Jim Yuhas inquired about the lights at Clay St. and Rt. 45. John explained the poles need to be redesigned and then the lights can be put back in.

Res 89-11 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05. Jerry seconded.


Barbara Schaeffer