

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held May 16,

2011

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held May 16, 2011 was called to order at 7:30. Trustees Burke, Kusar, Spade, Ted, Ginny Seifert, Bill Thomas, Winnie Cerbin, Annette Sheldon, Byron Dutton II, and Joe Hejduk Jr. were present.

Res. 98-11 Jerry moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 99-11 Jerry moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts were \$16,076.45. Bills totaled \$22,720.12.

In correspondence we received the application packet for a tax abatement for an expansion project by RTS Industries. Jerry stated he contacted Brian Anderson of Growth Partnership asking if RTS has complied with their existing abatement requirements. Brian thought they had but would look into it. Jerry said Growth Partnership is a watchdog for these abatements and should make sure all are in compliance with conditions of the agreements. John said he is against abatements but feels they are a necessary evil.

Res. 100-11 John moved to accept the tax abatement package proposed for RTS. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Melissa Lang of Burnham and Flower presented various insurance options for the township health insurance. She was unable to find any lower rates with other carriers at this time. The trustees all felt the township should not change anything with our plan.

Res. 101-11 John moved to stay with Medical Mutual and our current plan for health insurance. Janie seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Janie reported on our Memorial Day services. The VFW will be there. The speaker is State Rep. Casey Kozlowski. Dave Thomas will read the Gettysburg Address. Bill Thomas offered the sound system from GRA.

Janie stated our NOPEC grant project is at the midway point and she will send in the progress report as required.

Janie said the Norton Virus Protection is now working on the computer in the office.

Jerry reported he acquired a quote on radiant tube heaters for the garage from Denny Paqualone. The quote was \$5,800.00. Jerry said something should be done about this before next winter. John stated we should get the gas company out here to work up a price to put in a gas line.

Jerry said he stopped to see Hal Cooper about the plow running up the corners of his grass. Jerry explained to Mr. Cooper it could not be helped since the snow can not be moved out across the roadway.

Jerry said he spoke with Tim Martin. The township has 17.714 miles of gravel roads.

Jerry stated he forwarded a letter to Commissioner Moroski, and the Commissioners turned the issue of the catch basins on Sidley Ct. over to Tim Martin to look at and repair them.

Jerry reported on a price from Halman on the steel needed for the truss repair. The price was approximately \$2,600.00. John asked if it is domestic steel as required by bid specs. Jerry was pretty sure it is.

John explained the truss repair needed and the bid process. John Smolen stated it is possible to do with our own personnel from above the ceiling. John K. spoke with Pete Haas and showed him the truss repair plans. Pete could oversee the work with our roadmen and would charge \$45.00 per hour.

John stated the paint committee and trustees met and agreed on colors for the town hall.

John read a letter he received from the prosecutor's office regarding the ongoing complaints about loud motorcycles. Judge Stevens referred John to a section of ORC that explains how to address the noise issue without a meter. John referred this to the Prosecutor.

Jerry said Angela Knapp would like to bring some special education children to the town hall for questions on June 2. Jerry can be there.

Jerry said Pete would like to get a load of topsoil, and he gave him prices on one bag of rubber mulch.

Res. 102-11 John moved that Pete purchase a super sack of rubber mulch where it is cheapest. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Jerry said Sidley has a municipal equipped truck coming in tomorrow morning and will

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prepare a price. Lake Truck has state bid contracts. Truck price is \$74,689.00 plus pre-packaged electronic coverage at \$1,300.00. John stated he would like to see the price from Sidley and then make a decision at the next meeting. Byron Dutton stated a Rome Twp. Trustee told him they bought a new truck They bid it and it actually came in cheaper than state bid price.

John said as food for thought, maybe we should consider not taking on the OPWC project for Forman Rd., and think about paving what we have recently upgraded, downtown roads and Pelton for example. Discussion was held on roadwork needed. Jerry said we should get prices on paving from Tim Martin.

Jerry asked Janie if she had gotten a price on a marker for the Rt. 307 cemetery from Behm. She had not.

Res. 103-11 Jerry moved to purchase the stone marker from Haines, slanted, American granite, and base, at the previously quoted price of \$1,108.00. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Jerry said he will direct Bill Wilms to put in the footer.

Ted Seifert asked about completion of the sewer project. It is supposed to be done this fall. Bill Thomas invited the trustees to the GRA graduation.

Winnie Cerbin asked about the traffic lights at Clay St. and Rt. 45. The poles need reinforced for them to be re-installed.

Byron Dutton inquired about the sidewalks that need repaired as a result of sewer work damage. Jerry said they are on Rt. 45 and some on Rt.307.

Joe Hejduk asked if Pete Haas is insured and bonded. John said yes he is, as a private contractor.

Res. 104-11 Jerry moved to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

