

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held June 6,

2011

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held June 6, 2011 was called to order at 7:30pm by Chair John Kusar. Trustees Burke, Spade, Ted Seifert, Victor Dubina, Dave Thomas, and Winnie Cerbin were present.

Res. 105-11 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. 106-11 Jerry moved to pay the bills of the township. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts totaled \$18,171.76. Bills totaled \$107,418.92.

Res. 107-11 Janie moved to allow BSA Troop 729 use the Tote Rd. park for an overnight camp out. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

At this time, Victor Dubina of the USPS addressed everyone about the changes at the Austinburg Post Office. It is due to a decline in revenue and consists of the motor carriers moving on June 18 to begin their routes out of the Geneva Post Office. He stated it is a behind the scenes operation change only. All retail and P.O. boxes will remain.

John Beninato gave his zoning report. A copy is available in township files.

Janie reported on the Memorial Day service. She thanked GRA for the use of their sound system.

The NAD meeting was held last Wednesday. Janie stated there were eleven calls to Austinburg.

John asked Janie what the status was on the cleaning of the monument in the park. Janie said JR is coordinating with Ginny Seifert on additional names for the new tablets. Janie stated she has been working on it.

Jerry stated last meeting there was discussion on paving various roads in the township. He spoke with Tim Martin and acquired pricing for the paving. On Chestnut, 2 ½ " base with 1 ½ " overlay is \$17,000. Betts Dr., 1 ½ " overlay is \$5,000. Campus/College, 1 ½ " overlay, \$55,000. Pelton, 3" cold mix, \$50,000. Forman from Clay to Rt. 307, 2 ½ " base with 1 ½ " overlay is \$165,000. A total of \$254,000.00

Discussion was held on road work. John stated roads damaged by Mr. Excavator have some paving issues. John Beninato said the trustees could ask for the performance bond to be used in addition to the county asking for it. John K. said the county has a 2 year maintenance bond effective after the project is complete. The contractor should be given time to rectify the problems.

Mike Petro discussed the purchase of a new township truck. He presented pricing to the board. Specs on a state bid International, and a Mack were almost identical. Pete stated weights on both trucks were close leaving him to believe the International is a heavy duty. The International price, going state bid is \$74,689. This is for cab and chassis. The Mack, which would have to be put out for bid if the township opts for one, is \$96,811.65, cab and chassis. Pete stated if we go with state bid on components, stainless steel bed, the cost is approximately \$38,279.66. John said we have been talking about the purchase of a new truck for quite a while, and thinks we should go state bid and get the International.

Res. 108-11 John moved to buy the International truck at state bid. Janie seconded the motion for discussion. Jerry said the Mack may be worth more down the road. John said we will have to go for bids if we look at a Mack. Pete stated he liked the old Macks better than International, but now they are pretty generic. The roll call; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye. John told Pete to start the process and come up with a list of needs for components.

Janie stated she had a call from a resident of another township about the theft of flowers from Austin Cemetery. She said she would like to write a letter to the editor of the paper to let people know we are aware of this.

John said the floor of the town hall has been sanded. It may not be walked on.

John said the work on the truss in the ceiling will be done from above, so no new drywall will have to be torn out. John will follow up with Smolen Engineering to redesign and revise the plan so a saddle can be made for the repair of the truss. Jerry stated Halman Steel is local and he will check to see if they use American steel.

John stated he received a call about township workers delivering dirt to a resident on private property. John said if ditching is being done, the dirt can be taken to a resident who wants it. On slow days the road crew can take some from the stockpile at the garage and bring

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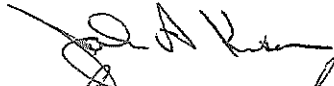
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it to residents. Mike Petro added this has been the policy since he has been with the township. John stated he will write a letter to the Prosecutor and inquire about the legality of this. Until then, no dirt will be brought out to residents' property unless it is already on the trucks from a ditching project.

Dave Thomas asked about the lights at Clay and Rt. 45. They have not been reinstalled.

Res. 109-11 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Jerry seconded and meeting adjourned.


Barbara Schost