

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held October 3, 2011

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held October 3, 2011 was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Burke, Kusar, Spade, Ted, Ginny Seifert, Byron Dutton, Diana Bartone, Brianne Laird, Winnie Cerbin, Chris Bennett, Jacob Hein, Tim Alexander, and Tina Nagy were present.

Res. 149-11 Jerry moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. The roll call vote; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 150-11 Janie moved to pay the bills of the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts totaled \$7,770.20. Bills totaled \$19,707.00.

The fiscal officer reported to the trustees that Andover Bank would like to participate in 2011 Make A Difference Day held October 22. They would like to paint the picnic tables in the township park. The trustees stated that will be fine. Barb will let the bank personnel know.

Geneva Chamber of Commerce is holding a candidates' night on October 26, 2011.

A letter from the county treasurer's office indicates that the parcel of land where the old gas station sits in town is being foreclosed. The township can take ownership of this by petitioning the county for the property. The Geneva schools were notified of the same. Jerry will check into this further and report back to the board.

The township received the insurance renewal packet from OTARMA. The trustees were given copies for their review. Barb will contact Joan Arndt to attend next meeting for questions on coverage.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his report. Copy available in township file. He stated the zoning office needs a new copier. He will gather prices and get back to the trustees.

John K. said he sent letters to all 27 townships asking for their zoning fee structures. He stopped in to see John B. and advised him to have business cards printed to identify himself when visiting citizens.

Janie reported the NAD meeting is Wed., Oct. 5 at 7:00pm in the NAD building.

Janie said they would like to hold a flu shot clinic at our town hall. They would like to use the building for free. Jerry and John said they have no problem with that.

Res. 151-11 Janie moved that NAD hold their flu clinic in the town hall at no charge. John seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Janie stated she would like to compile a list of old equipment and hold an auction.

Discussion was held on taking sealed bids vs. holding an auction. Janie said she will contact Pete and make a list of items with descriptions. She indicated there is a web site run by the county that we could use. John asked Janie to check on this web site.

Jerry reported there has been a change on some of the sizes of poles for the equipment building at the garage.

Res. 152-11 John moved to amend the original bid for the building and accept the new bid of \$24,090.44, without the cost of the eight, up-sized posts. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Jerry reported that residents of 798 Tote Rd. installed a tile in the road ditch. This is in violation, and Jerry will write a letter to them informing them it must be removed.

Jerry stated someone on River Glen is riding a ATV out onto the road without a license. Jerry will refer the matter to the Sheriff Dept.

Jerry reported on Tote Rd. Ext., a resident is concerned about a tree near the road ditch. It needs a culvert installed in the ditch. Jim Cox owns two parcels there, and said he will pay for the pipe in his ditches. Jerry said the township could do an open ditch if the other resident can't afford the pipe in her ditch. Jerry will follow up on the matter.

Jerry said there is not much going on with the sewer project now. The transformer at the pump station has never been installed.

John stated the manhole at Stuffed Toy has water bubbling out during heavy rain. He is guessing about 1 ½ gallons per minute.

John said the catch basin at Rt. 307 and Campus St. was not draining and still had fabric left in it.

John said he spoke with Larry Meaney about township road repair from sewer work. Larry said repairs will be made in spring. John has asked Shawn Aiken to forward the road repair specs that Mr. Excavator agreed to.

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Discussion was held on the gas line being run to the road garage. Jerry presented quotes on tube heaters for the garage. Pasqualone is \$5,800.00 Penguin is \$7,800.00. Zeigler is \$11,900.00.

The Wilson's were chopping corn on Forman Rd. and left large amounts of dirt when taking their equipment out onto the road. Pete took the backhoe and broom and cleaned the mud from the road.

Tina Nagy presented a sample of the matting for the historical pictures to be hung in the town hall. Each one is \$401.00 including non-glare Plexiglas. Jerry stated he thought the price was a little steep for pictures in the town hall. John said they are historical and would like to see some put up.

Res. 153-11 John moved to go with two matted picture collages at \$401.00 each. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, no. Spade, aye.

John said Pete found prices on new snow plows. The Henke plow is \$10,008.15. Gledhill is higher. Viking is \$9,089.00 but is a lighter plow.

Res. 154-11 John moved to buy the Henke plow at \$10,008.15. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

John stated when he receives the fee schedules from other townships, he will have them on spread sheets so we can see how Austinburg compares. The question came up at the last meeting about the raising of fees for zoning. He said on July 3, 2006 the trustees on board then voted on a new fee schedule. We went from 24 required permits to 48 required permits and the Occupancy permit fee went from \$100.00 to \$300.00. John said he would like Jerry and Janie to speak with John Beninato about his interpretation of the zoning text. John K. said he does not agree with some of Mr. Beninato's interpretations regarding occupancy permits.

Ginny Seifert asked if anything has been heard from J.R. at Behm's. Janie said she will contact him.

Jerry said he feels only two people are complaining about the zoning fees. These are people that have multiple tenants in their property. Lots of other businesses have come and gone, and paid the fees with no problems. Jerry believes the interpretation of the zoning text is up to Mr. Beninato. Byron Dutton stated it has not been enforced before now. Discussion was held on permit fees. John K. said John Beninato has used Wikipedia for some of his interpretations and thinks he should be using the township zoning text. Janie said John Beninato does research for his interpretation. Jerry stated it should all come down to Mr. Beninato's interpretation.

Res. 155-11 Jerry moved to adjourn. Janie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.



*Barbara Schaar*