

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held January 17,

2012

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held January 17, 2012 was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Jerry Burke, John Kusar, Janie Spade, Ted, Ginny Seifert, Jake Chicatelli, Sarah Masek, Joe Hejduk, and Byron Dutton were present.

Res. 203-12 John moved Janie will be Trustee Chairman, Jerry will be Vice Chairman for 2012. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 204-12 Jerry moved to approve the minutes of Dec. 29, 2011 meeting as written. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, abstain. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 205-12 John moved to pay the bills of the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Receipts were \$16,580.10. Bills totaled \$21,959.14.

Res. 206-12 John moved to approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 from Special Revenue Fund into the General Fund to pay back expenses paid for the town hall grant project. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato left copies of his zoning report, he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Janie thanked Sarah Masek for her work with the zoning text. Andrew Dudas has left Miami U. and another person is taking over for Dr. Dudas. He has asked for additional time to get the web site caught up with township zoning and minutes. Janie will follow up.

Janie reported the NAD meeting will be held 02/01/12 at 7:00pm in the NAD building.

Res. 207-12 Janie moved to approve permanent appropriations in the amount of \$1,354,304.00. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Jerry reported the expense for repairing the fire dept. tanker increased by \$3,150.00. Additional repairs were needed to the supports under the tank. The new total for repair is \$7,980.00

Jerry stated he heard some complaints about some flags that the students put up on the twp. equipment building the A-Tech students are constructing. One flag was for Ohio State, one was an Italian flag and an Irish flag. Jerry said he really did not see anything wrong with it, the kids put them up.

John said he spoke with Barry French and asked him to get a cost per linear foot for sewer. John stated he will do the math and have figures for residents' costs when the trustees meet with the Commissioners on Feb. 6 to review the sewer project punch list. They will meet the Commissioners at their meeting room. There will be a work session at 6:30 with John Beninato and the trustees at the town hall office on Feb. 6. John stated Sarah has a spreadsheet showing other townships' zoning fee schedules so a comparison may be made with the Austinburg fee schedule.

Discussion was held on employee raises. John said he would recommend 50 cents for Pete per hour, and 45 cents for Scott and Bill. Jerry stated he thought that was a little high, they are paid well now with wages, benefits, clothing allowances, and bonus. Janie agreed the 50, 45, 45 cent raises were appropriate.

Res 208-12 John moved to give Mike Petro 50 cents per hour, Bill Wilms 45 cents per hour, and Scott Tenney 45 cents per hour. Janie seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, no.

Janie said she will check with other fire depts. To get an idea what is being done about fire inspectors and what they are paid. Bill Wilms had suggested \$3,000.00 per year. The board discussed zoning inspections relating to fire inspections.

Jake Chicatelli addressed those in attendance. He is a democratic candidate in the March primary for County Commissioner.

Ginny Seifert gave Tina Nagy pictures for the next board.

Sarah Masek inquired about zoning board member appointments. Janie stated the trustees will have to address that at the next meeting.

Joe Hejduk asked how to access the zoning text on the web site.

Ted Seifert stated the Zoning Commission reorganized at their last meeting. Officers and meeting times will remain the same.

Byron Dutton stated the ZBA reorganized. Byron is Chairman and Sue Avsec will be Vice Chair. Byron requested Sarah Masek for the ZBA secretary. The trustees stated they had already approved that.

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John addressed the bulbs in the town hall lights. He has looked into LED bulbs that may make the fixtures brighter. He will check further.

Jerry mentioned another bulb for the heaters in the garage had to be purchased. The trustees discussed the cost of those bulbs and alternative methods of heating the garage.

Janie stated she is willing to sit on the fire dept. grant committee they would like to organize, as she is trustee liaison to the fire dept. John and Jerry agreed that would be fine.

Res. 209-12 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

*Barbara Schack*