

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held February 6, 2012

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held February 6, 2012 was called to order at 7:30pm with the pledge. Trustees Burke, Kusar, Spade, Ted, Ginny Seifert, William Wilms, Dan Tilton, Joe Hejduk Jr., Robert Lapuh, Winnie Cerbin, and Byron Dutton were present.

Res. 210-12 Jerry moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented.

John seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 211-12 Jerry moved to pay the bills of the township. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts totaled \$19,844.73. Bills totaled \$19,394.33.

Res. 212-12 Janie moved to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the General fund to the Zoning fund as requested by the fiscal officer. Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato gave his zoning report. A copy is available for review in township files.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms and Firefighter Dan Tilton reported on duties of a fire inspector. Dan stated businesses are to be inspected once per year. The main objective of an inspector is to insure the safety of the public.

Chief Wilms reported the tanker is back in service after being repaired. Bill stated NAD donated a new AED for the Fire Dept. He reported to the trustees that the AEDs in the town hall and road dept. are in need of batteries. He will continue to look into prices.

Jerry reported the metal is up at the township garage for the equipment shed walls and roof. Jerry stated the new International truck needs to be painted due to blistering paint. Pete has a quote of approximately \$5,200.00. International will pay for the repair.

Jerry asked Janie if she had done any research on an on-line auction for township equipment that she had previously mentioned. Janie answered she did not state that. She said she had spoken to Pete and Bill and both the road and fire depts. are to get lists of old equipment together to be sold.

Jerry reported he received a letter from a resident interested in serving on the Zoning Commission. The commission is missing one alternate and one member. The ZBA is missing two alternates.

Res. 213-12 John moved to appoint Robert Lapuh to the Zoning Commission, five year term expiring 12/31/2016. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 214-12 John moved to appoint Diane Mongenel to her position as second alternate on the Zoning Commission. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

John reported on the meeting held with the commissioners today at 4:30 regarding the sewer project. It was held to compile a punch list of concerns from the township trustees and residents. The quality of the road repairs is sub-standard. Shawn Aiken of CT Consultants will draft a letter to Mr. Excavator indicating what needs to be done to bring the roads up to standard. Another problem is the drain in the town hall parking lot. Mr. Excavator broke the tile during work. It is only a 4-6 inch tile. Pete has tried to clear it with the county jet. John stated the township should just fix it properly now, installing a 8 or 12 inch line and set a catch basin. Jerry and Janie both agreed.

John stated that Pete has had to weld the main cylinder of the backhoe. Purchasing a small track hoe that could be used in cemeteries and ditching has been mentioned. The cost of a new one would be around \$60,000.00. John would like to have Pete check into pricing and stated he believes the backhoe would last another ten years if we were to acquire a track hoe.

Janie reported on NAD. Austinburg calls are down but overall calls have increased considerably. She stated Vince Gildone is not sure what is causing the increase. The next NAD meeting will be March 7, 2012.

Janie stated the township should consider our material bidding soon. Jerry said Martuccio suggests waiting until the end of March for prices to drop. The first meeting in April would be good.

Ted Seifert reported the Zoning Commission discussed a historical district and asked if the trustees would support the idea. Janie stated the commission could certainly investigate it.

John K. said Jefferson looked into it but the problem came up that whenever changes were to be made, a professional architect had to be hired. Jerry said there is not much in the

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downtown area that would lend itself to a historical district. Joe Hejduk added the cost would be very high.

John stated that during the trustees' work session, zoning fees were discussed.

Res. 215-12 John moved the trustees request the Austinburg Zoning Commission to look into the Certificate of Occupancy for the residential area; when it is applied and it's meaning. Also to examine the Certificate of Occupancy, more the Change of Use in the commercial area; it's meaning and application. The trustees set the fees. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Joe Heduk questioned what the surface had been on the east side of the town hall. Jerry said it was broken asphalt, but the township would like to put something in there.

Mr. Hejduk donated a clock for the town hall. He said the movement is USA made.

Winnie Cerbin donated a dictionary for use with the town hall sign.

Byron Dutton inquired about the sewer rate per foot will be. John said the commissioners at today's meeting stated it will be less than \$43.00 per foot. They stated they are taking the cost of the forced main out of the project cost.

Res. 216-12 Jerry moved to adjourn the meeting. Janie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

*Janie L. Spade*  
*Chairman*

*Barbara Schaab*