

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held February 21, 2012

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township held February 21, 2012 was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Burke, Kusar, Spade, Sarah Masek, Mike Petro, Bill Wilms, Byron Dutton, Winnie Cerbin, and Joe Hejduk were present.

Janie stated she wanted the sentence added that John Kusar stated he was the one that made the statement about putting the auction on line with the county.

Res. 217-12 With the above addition, Janie moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 218-12 John moved to pay the bills of the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Receipts totaled \$1,320.42. Bills totaled \$34,925.05.

A letter was received from Janice Dutton expressing interest in joining the Zoning Commission.

John read a letter he drafted to send to Larry Meaney concerning the drainage problem on the east side of the town hall. The letter informs Mr. Meaney that the township intends to fix the problem and it can be removed from the punch list being sent to Mr. Excavator.

Res. 219-12 John moved to reappoint Keith O'Connell to a five year term on the ZBA. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Janie said she thinks Janice Dutton should be brought in for an interview with the trustees before an appointment is made. John said the township can't get anyone interested in serving on zoning, but it would be ok to bring her in. There are currently no alternates for the ZBA and one alternate is needed on the Zoning Commission.

Jerry inquired if one person may serve on both ZBA and Zoning Commission. John stated they might be able to legally but he thought it would not be a good idea. Janie agreed it was not a good idea. Discussion was held on the advantages and disadvantages of serving on both boards. Janie said she will check into it.

John said there has been a red pick up truck on South Forman Rd., stopping in front of houses for about five minutes, and then it moves on. Residents should be aware.

At this time Mike Petro discussed his list of surplus items to auction from the road dept.

Chief Bill Wilms added the fire dept. list of items that could be sold.

Pete discussed the stone bids, what materials he thinks should be added to the bid. Pete also discussed necessary road and culvert work. Pete asked about replacing catch basins, who is responsible for the cost. Jerry stated if the basin is in the road right of way, the township is responsible.

Res. 220-12 John moved to allow Pete to have the road broom repaired as requested. Jerry seconded. The roll call vote; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Pete stated the road crew currently is testing two brands of mini-excavators, Cat and Kobelco. The prices of a new mini-excavator are running around \$55,000 to \$60,000.

Jerry stated that International rejected the initial estimate to have the new truck repainted due to blistering paint. Jerry told Pete to find out where they would like it taken. Pete stated the rep from Lake Truck said they have someone in Twinsburg who will paint it for \$3,000. Jerry will follow up with him.

Res. 221-12 Jerry moved to have the township bid opening for road material on April 2, 2012 at 7:00pm. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Jerry mentioned the garage electric bill is still very high. He will have the electrician check to see if there might be a problem with the service causing the excessive bills.

Jerry reported that Tim Martin presented a draft of a RUMA, road usage maintenance agreement, that can be filled out between the township and companies that may drill in the area. Roads will be used and potentially damaged as increased activity takes place during future gas drilling operations. Janie strongly suggests the township go under the County Engineer as has been offered, and have him inspect our roads when the time comes. She said the RUMA should be adopted and modified for our roads.

Jerry said he took it upon himself to re-submit our Nature Works grant for the new round of funding.

Jerry stated the tanker is being repaired and it has been discovered the vacuum plates are shot. Bill will check into the additional repair.

Janie said John Beninato sent his zoning report. Harpersfield required Spire Institute to

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pay 6 cents per square foot for their permit.

Janie reported there has been discussion on the required sign retro reflectivity. The county is renting a gun that checks this. The cost is \$500.00 per week. The townships can utilize the gun and will share in the cost for that usage.

Janie reported the NAD meeting will be held on March 7, at 7:00pm.

Janie reported on some of the seminars she attended while at the OTA conference.

Byron Dutton stated the ZBA has reorganized, and will update the trustees.

Byron asked if there are any plans to pave Pelton Rd. Jerry stated he had spoken to Tim Martin, and was told that the stone could be delivered over there, and the county could be hired to apply the cold mix 2 ½ to 3 ½ inches thick, 20 feet wide. The cost would be about \$56,000.00 to \$58,000.00. John said the project should be bid out if we are going to do it.

Joe Hejduk suggested the sign in front of the town hall be raised.

Joe said it would be cheaper to buy a portable generator than try trailer the one the township has. The trustees stated the generator they are talking about is much larger than a portable one would be.

Joe addressed the water problems on Rt. 307 that had been referred to Mr. Excavator. John stated this is on the punch list that has been sent to the County. Joe stated he has observed the water, and it is running from a source near a Grand River Academy building. He believes this may be a problem with the Academy's own drainage, not something caused by the sewer work.

Janie said she supports the Nature Works grant application but feels Jerry should have brought it to the board.

Res. 222-12. John moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Janie Spade
Barbara Schaub