

March, 2017



# AUSTINBURG NEWS & VIEWS

## Township Officials:

### Township Fiscal Officer:

David Thomas – 812-9022

### Trustees:

Jerry Burke – 275-1691

Byron C Dutton II 344-6433

John Kusar – 275-0788 or 223-6511

### Zoning Inspector:

John Beninato – 998-2493

Office – 275-1378

### Fire Chief:

William Wilms

### Road Personnel:

Mike Petro – Road Superintendent

William Wilms – Cemetery Sexton

John Luban – Roadman

## Meeting Dates:

### Township Monthly Meetings:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall. **Please try to come!!**

### Zoning Commission:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month – 7:00pm in the Town Hall

**Township Hall Phone – 275-1378**

**Township Garage – 275-3402**

**Website - [austinburgtownship.org](http://austinburgtownship.org)**



## From the Desk of the Fiscal Officer

This past year has been an absolute joy to serve as our Township's Fiscal Officer. I would like to give much gratitude and appreciation to Barb Schaab who has been beyond helpful and kind to me as I learn how best to serve you. Her continued dedication to our community truly shows the love she has for Austinburg!

Much of the changes to this position in my first year have been behind the scenes as the Board and I continue to find ways to make what we do quicker, cheaper, and more effective for you. In addition to efforts with our website, updated online financial information, and a community focused Facebook page- I am always available and excited to answer any questions you may have.

My first experience with Township government was in 2010 when I asked to serve on our Zoning Board at age 16. As a Township, we had needs to fill then, and still do to this day which can only be solved by folks stepping up to serve. I would encourage you to attend a Township meeting, view our minutes and finances online, and reach out to us for any concerns you encounter this year. As a community, we are in this together. I am honored to have played a role helping our Township this past year.  
Yours,

David Thomas  
440-812-9022

[dtaustinburgfiscalofficer@gmail.com](mailto:dtaustinburgfiscalofficer@gmail.com)

Hi Folks!

I am writing in late February and enjoying the 60 degree weather. As you may know we are finally able to obtain the OPWC grant for upgrading Forman Road from Route 307 South to Lampson Road. I have been the point person on this project and in obtaining the \$99,550.00 grant. This required the Township to borrow \$50,000.00 at no interest and to be responsible for the remaining 50% of the total cost (199,900.00) of the project. The loan can be paid back any time.

The ditches have been moved back and base improvement has been done. There is still a lot of work to be done including berms, driveways and seeding. This summer the road will be sealed with MC-7 or EP-1. The plan is to pave the road the following year.

We will see you all at clean-up day Ma 6<sup>th</sup>! Enjoy Spring.

Do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

**Jerry Burke**

Best way to contact: Cell 812-3581



### **Northwest Ambulance District**

The Northwest Ambulance District, your emergency ambulance services, responded to 2,543 call for help in 2016. The District provided EMS at 43 public events; our training working group presented more than 700 man hours of in "house" training and we trained 663 people how to do CPR!

Our current roster includes seven full time paramedics, 29 Auxiliary Paramedics and EMTs.

The 2017 annual ambulance memberships will be arriving in the mail next month. Renewal of your ambulance membership may be the most important thing you do should you or your family have a medical emergency.

I remain; very truly yours,

Vincent T. Gildone/CHSIV  
Administrator  
Northwest Ambulance District



### **HELLO FELLOW RESIDENTS**

Well we have made it thru the winter months. We have put out to bid our gravel and emulsions for the roads. We are hoping that because gas price are down that the dust control emulsions will also be lower, and we will be able to apply dust control to more roads.

We paved Brown Road last year, it was showing a lot of truck wear, and becoming very rutted. This cost the Township about \$57,667.00 Dollars to resurface 2590 feet by 20 feet, (about ½ mile). This shows how expensive it is to pave a road.

We did receive an issue 2 program funding thanks' to Jerry Burke and Barb Schaab efforts last year for Forman Road. With the issue 2 funding and our roadmen doing in-kind work, we rebuilt Forman from route 307 south to Lampson Road. Ditches were set back, curb drains were installed, road base installed and grading of the ditches backside was done. This will let us chip and seal the road this year to control the dust and save enough money so that in 2018 we could pave the road as far as the improvement have been done.

We will be upgrade the electric in the downtown park, to help with Country Days and to make it comply with the current electric codes. Country Day will be celebrated on August 25, 26 and 27, 2017. Please attend and meet your neighbor's and support Austinburg.

The Northwest Ambulance District (NAD) is having their Membership drive in the near future. If you have a membership and need the ambulance ride your membership will cover the cost. The membership is cheap insurance in today's market.

Clean-up day in Austinburg is planned for Saturday May 6, from 8:00 to 12:00 at the township garage, please plan on donating to keep Austinburg clean.

Thank you for your support!  
**Byron Dutton II Trustee**



It's hard to believe another year has gone by and spring is here. As we continue through 2017, the township will maintain and upgrade our roads and ditches to provide safe thoroughfares for our residents and neighbors. Please use caution when you see our road crew out working so they can safely go home to their families at the end of the day.

We still have vacancies on our zoning board and zoning board of appeals. These are volunteer positions that shape our community so we can grow and prosper in a controlled fashion. If you are interested, please contact a township official.

Our meetings are always open to the public. They are held on the first and third Monday at 7:30 pm at Austinburg Town Hall. If the date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday. We encourage residents to attend and share your thoughts about our township.

Clean up day will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. No hazardous material or tires will be accepted. Please help clean up our township so we can be proud of our community.

Have a safe and happy summer.

John A. Kusar, Trustee  
440-275-0788  
440-223-6511

### Fire Dept. Corner

Welcome to the New Year, I hope everyone has made it happy and healthy. The fire department is currently still working on new building plans, but has taken a break due to one of trucks needs to be updated. Unit 503 is our tanker and holds 3,000 gallons of water, a generator, water pumps, lots of hose, and numerous tools. Having 3,000 gallons of water allows us to have plenty of water for our residents and neighboring departments to extinguish the fire if we are not able to get to a hydrant. This truck was purchased back

in 1991 and has served our department and its residence very well. This truck is starting to show its age just like many of our cars do, the tank is now starting to leak for the second time, along with some other smaller problems that need to be taken care of. We currently are having new truck dealers come in to spec out a new truck with plenty of storage, auto transmission, and tank capacity comparable to what we have now. We are hoping to put the truck on the ballot as a bond issue as new trucks are costing \$500,000 to \$600,000 just to replace what we currently have.

Thank you for your time, and the department would appreciate your support.

**Assistant Chief Todd Dutton (440) 275-3450**



### TOWN HALL HISTORY

Our Town Hall is close to 200 years old, built in the early 1800's, as a Methodist Church. It was later used by the Congregational congregation (now part of the United Church of Christ denomination.) Although the main structure remains the same, less the bell tower shown in early pictures, it has under gone many changes over the years. The most recent one is the remodeling of the Township Office and the construction of a large area for storage above.

Some other remodeling and repairs are recorded in the earlier Township Trustees minutes. In 1913 bids were put out for the building of an entrance to the Town Hall. The bid states it was to be 14 ft. by 12 ft. and high enough to enclose the present entrance. Inside to be sealed with Georgia Pine with rail 3 ft. from the floor. Outside to be lap sided and roof to be slate and same pitch as the main building. Present door to be used outside and swinging doors same size inside. Two windows are to be either side of the door. The flooring is to be maple. Steps are to be moved forward and raised one step.

Also in 1913 plans were made to build a room in the basement and later in 1931 a Bond was taken out for construction of a basement under the entire structure of the Town Hall.

From 1922 on bills were paid to the telephone company – often listed as long distance- and usual under \$1.00. In 1923 a bill was paid to Grand River Electric Light and Power for service connection for the Town Hall. For the first years the monthly bill was usually under \$2.00. The first two street lights were installed in 1924, one at the center of town and the other at the railroad crossing (currently the Greenway).

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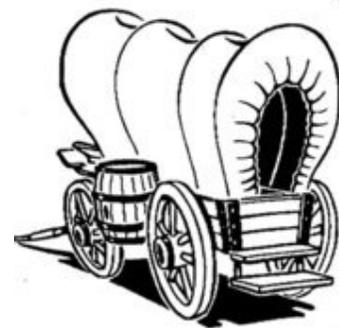
# Austinburg Annual Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 6, 2017  
8am to noon

Austinburg Twp Garage  
1393 Route 45



Please do not bring yard debris, tires,  
household wastes, or hazardous chemicals.  
We will accept appliances (no Freon).



## Austinburg Country Days

The 45<sup>th</sup> annual Austinburg  
Country Days will be held this  
year on August 25, 26 & 27,  
2017 at the township park.  
Stop by for food, fun and live  
entertainment.