

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Austinburg Township

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held September 06, 20 16

The regular meeting of Austinburg Township opened at 7:30pm. John Beninato, Al Yarbrough, Bill Thomas, Jerry Howard, Ginny Seifert, Phil Miller, Joe Hejduk, Larry Obhof, Olivia Springer, and Jeff Busch were present.

Res. 271-16 Jerry moved to accept the minutes as written. John seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 272-16 John moved to pay the bills of the Township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Receipts totaled \$25,527.92. Expenses totaled \$84,219.22.

The Township received an ODOT Permit for catch basin drainage along St. Rt, 307.

Mike Adams sent a notice to the Township officially rescinding his application for a map change.

John Beninato shared the inconclusive results of a conversation with Catherine Colgan of the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office regarding the cleaning of Mr. Boschi's property. Jerry shared that he will be meeting with the County Prosecutor on September 15th to discuss these matters further.

Joe Hejduk asked why certain nuisance signs across the township are removed and others are not taken down. The Board stated that unapproved signs are removed when noticed to the best of the Township's ability.

Jerry shared that the Township will be hosting the Ashtabula County Township Association's Candidate night on September 15th at 6:30pm. Jerry will provide food for the event. The public is welcomed to attend.

The Board discussed work on the Forman Road Project as Jerry stated the project is taking longer than anticipated. One of the new road closed signs had been vandalized. John asked specific questions regarding the location of catch basins and trees along the roadway. Regarding resident Jeff Busch's property, John gave his approval for the Township to replace trees destroyed in the right-of-way. Jerry discussed his disapproval of purchasing 6 foot trees for the property but would be agreeable to smaller, and less costly trees. Joe Hejduk said he would not have a problem with the Township placing 2 foot trees in the location, but if larger trees were purchased, the property owner should pay the difference in cost. Res. 273-16 John moved to have the Township purchase 14, 5 to 6 foot Norway Spruce Trees for Jeff Busch's property at 1415 Forman Road once the project is complete and assist in planting these trees in the right-of-way. Byron seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, no. In discussion, Larry Obhof remarked that the township would be obligated to replace any damage to the property incurred from the road project and likely in removing one row of trees, the roots from the second row would be heavily damaged and likely die. Joe Hejduk commented that John Kusar stated in the last Township Meeting that, "because people that live on state routes don't get the same benefits as people that live on Township roads." John refuted that quote.

Rebecca with ODOT sent their proposal for sidewalk maintenance in the downtown section of the Township. Jerry will work with her on this matter, however park of the proposal included the removal of a large oak tree at the Howard home on St. Rt. 307, to which both Jerry Howard and the Board disagreed with at first discussion.

Byron shared that he spoke with Mrs. Quine regarding her property adjoining the Austin Cemetery, she will investigate the area before action is taken.

John received a call from Commissioner Kozlowski regarding the name change of GH Drive. The owner of the Hampton Inn Hotel does not favor a name change due to cost. The Trustees agreed to not pursue a road name change due to the absence of full agreement of property owners.

Olivia Springer from Austinburg Country Days shared that resident Randy Gildersleeve helped to bring Country Days up to code for the electrical work in the Township Park at 2014 standards. Randy's cost was \$2,300 and Olivia requested the Township pay half of the cost. John requested Byron's engineer to meet with Country Days and Randy to give an estimate on a more comprehensive project. Res. 274-16 John moved to reimburse \$1,250 to Country Days for upgrades to the Township Park's electrical work by Randy Gildersleeve. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye. Olivia invited the Trustees to the next Country Days Meeting October 4th at 7pm.

Joe Hejduk cautioned the Board on implementing recycling in the Township given his belief that new guidelines and regulations limit the effectiveness of the program to residents and would result in large waste. The Board shared the program would be run by the County.

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Jerry Howard asked to reiterate his belief that the oak tree in his property should stay and not be removed if a sidewalk plan is implemented give the cost to remove the tree versus a sidewalk around the base.

Res. 275-16 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

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