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The regular meeting of Austinburg Township opened at 7:30pm. John Beninato, Al Yarbrough, Joe Hejduk, Ted and Ginny Seifert, Bill Wilms, Mike Petro, Bill Thomas, and Phil Miller were present.

Res. 280-16 John moved to accept the minutes as written. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 281-16 John moved to pay the bills of the Township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Receipts totaled \$13,579.38. Expenses totaled \$17,088.32.

Res. 282-16 Jerry moved to renew the Township's Street Light District Agreement. Byron seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

A representative from Medical Mutual presented the Township's insurance options for the upcoming year. The Township was grandfathered once again into the proposed option with only a 2.98% increase in premiums. Res. 283-16 Jerry moved to renew the Township's current Medical Mutual Plan for 2017, Byron seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

John Beninato shared he did not have any updates for the Township Trustees regarding zoning. Ted Seifert asked if anything is happening to the dilapidated houses along Rt. 307. Jerry believes the Township is waiting until the County receives more land bank funds. Jerry asked if the gas station has made any progress at the corner of Rt. 307 and Rt. 45, John Kusar shared the County Port Authority is waiting for more grants to move forward.

John Beninato did receive a call from a resident who came to the meeting to speak regarding the Mill Creek Road traffic resulting from the Rt. 45 bridge construction. The Township has placed signs and attempted to divert traffic to avoid the turning around of buses and RVs in private drives. Joe Hejduk suggested placing a culvert in the road to have drivers turnaround to prevent future issues. The board will investigate that suggestion.

A representative from the Ashtabula Snow Mobile Club shared that the Center Cemetery fence replacement would cost roughly \$1,500 for materials. This would be a split rail fence with a concrete base. The club would be willing to give \$1,000 to the project. Bill Wilms suggested not using a concrete base for the posts and would be happy with this project. The Board asked for more details and specifics to move ahead with the project.

Bill Wilms shared that there was a hazmat spill at Pilot which used Township fire resources. He has asked for \$6,000 in reimbursement from the trucking company. Jerry asked if the vehicles should be coated with a fluid film to prevent rusting. The department already does this procedure.

John Kusar asked Byron to set up a meeting with the Fiscal Officer, Fire Department, and County Prosecutor.

Pete stated that he will need to rent a roller for the Forman Road Project. He believes Southeast to be the cheapest for this need. Jerry shared that on the Forman Road project the Township should place the berm tile before the base. Pete said that plan could cause issues with plowing. John urged the need to get this project trenched and get the base down before the winter. Pete will get the material to do this plan, and will call Benson to dump the #8 pea gravel. Adams will be employed for a bulldozer at \$110 an hour or \$800 per day with an operator. *when placing base material. DT 10/17/16*

John asked for the plan for GH Drive and snow plowing. Jerry stated the Township has 26 feet on the north side to cut to make a curb. Byron shared there is a catch basin to be careful of so he would like to meet with the Engineer and Pete to ensure property ownership. Pete shared that there is already "No Truck Parking" signs on the drive. Byron will speak with the hotel to ask for the cul-de-sac project. John shared the Township must make this a priority and the crew should work Saturdays during October. The Board agreed that for Brown Road, GH Drive, and the Forman Road Project the crew can work overtime.

Jerry reported on a letter from ODOT regarding the sidewalk plan and their desire to tear down the Oak Tree along Rt 45. The Board believes it will be too late for this year to do the project and it should therefore be tabled.

Jerry stated residents asked him that if the Township pays for trees in the right of way destroyed by a road project, should the Township refund residents who have farmed up to the road and lost product be refunded?

Country Days will be meeting Tuesday, October 4th but Byron cannot attend due to the NAD Meeting. He will meet with the leaders to discuss electricity for the park.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Austinburg Township

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

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John asked the Fiscal Officer to contact OTARMA regarding inspections and train the Board on the Township's new PA System.

Byron suggested regarding the tree replacements on Forman Road, that the resident go with a road crewman to pick up the trees whenever the Road Department has time. The resident does not have to accompany the crewman but it is suggested. Joe Hejduk stated that the Board of Trustees did not include transportation and moving of trees in their motion and therefore he asked if the resident would be billed for the transportation of said trees. John Kusar responded that these are the township's trees which will be placed in the right of way and therefore the resident will not be charged.

Ted Seifert shared that the zoning commission is considering fences in their upcoming work.

Res. 284-16 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm, Jerry seconded. The roll: Kusar, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

