

Austinburg Township
December 30, 2019

The Special Year End meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. Residents in attendance included Mike Kovacic, Ted Seifert, Mike Petro, Bill Wilms, April Tetlow, Andy Tetlow, Wes Wilms, Rob Lapuh and John Beninato.

Res. 165-19 John moved to accept the minutes as written. There was a correction to the minutes; Jerry didn't purchase paint for the grader, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 166-19 John moved to pay the bills, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Bills paid were \$15,030.90 and Receipts were \$6,306.09.

Fire Dependency Board was called to order by Secretary Ted Seifert. The only discussion involved again was waiting to hear about the death benefit for fallen fireman Dave Lemponen. Everything is still pending per the Federal Dependency Board.

In terms of correspondence we received a Christmas card from Ohio Machinery Co. The Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund Cert needs filled out. There are free Social Security Seminars held throughout January and February. There is going to be a benefit for Colebrook Trustee Joe Brothag Jan. 25th with more info to come. There will be a 2019 Year in Review-State of Real Estate Press Conference. It will be Thursday, Jan. 16 at 12:00 in Jefferson. We received a bill from the EMA office for \$83.49 which covers the fees of the Urban Search and Rescue Region 2 and AGL Bomb Squad.

Res. 167-19 John moved to pay the EMA Office fees for \$83.49, Jerry seconded. Roll call; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported for year-end that fire calls were up for 2019. Bill would like to get the catch drain repaired out front of the Fire Station. Equipment wise will need to look at getting some work done on 501 and possibly new hose. Firefighter Don Smith expressed concern that the fire station is too small for the fire department's needs. John would like to get things started on a new fire station. John suggested we use our own resources to help offset the cost. Byron would like to see our Township offices possibly also be incorporated in with the new fire station. John asked Fire Chief Bill Wilms to look into getting some plans drawn up so we can start moving forward.

Zoning Inspector, John Beninato reported on year-end with increases in permits issued and revenue from fees. Six new homes and three new businesses were established in the Township. Jerry asked if John could stop over and ask the people refurbishing the two buildings on the corners in town to please clean things up.

Road Sup. Mike Petro reported for year-end with work to be done on the grader. Mike would like to get a new trailer. John asked Mike to look into using state bid for trailer, a tamper and new spreader for truck. Mike also had a few other misc. items needed for next year.

Jerry reported on a company that gave him prices on portable restrooms. Byron had nothing to report. John passed out copies of possible new work rules for our Township. The information was sent over to the prosecutor's office for their review.

John also presented the ad that will go in the Township newsletter for the old 503 fire truck.

Residence Andy Tetlow asked about a chocolate shop possibly going in at the old BP sight.

Res. 168-19 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Byron. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman