

Austinburg Township

May 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. Residents in attendance included Mike Kovacic, Sarah Frank, Mike Petro, Lorna Masek and John Beninato. Everyone was spaced 6 feet apart or more. The Trustees didn't use the desk and they were also spaced 6 feet apart.

Res. 71-20 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Byron seconded. The roll; Burke, absent. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 72-20 Byron moved to pay the bills, John seconded. The roll; Burke, absent. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Bills paid were \$16,552.58 and Receipts were \$1,438.73.

In terms of correspondence we received an email from the Ashtabula County Township association congratulating us for exceeding the 2010 Census self-response rate. We also received an email stating that surprisingly the gas tax for our County was only a 10% decrease in April from March of this year. We received call from Scott Barnhart wanting to know if the park was going to be open for small gatherings. We received masks from the EMA office to be used as need for the COVID 19 virus. Ashtabula Health Dept. sent a report as of 5-12-20 that there has been 153 confirmed cases and 21 deaths in Ashtabula County from the COVID 19 virus.

Zoning Inspector, John Beninato reported that he dealt with the 2 cars on Millcreek Road. The resident has 2 weeks to remove the cars.

Road Sup. Mike Petro reported that he got quotes for the tree trimming.


Res. 73-20 John moved to hire Brobst to cut down 10 trees in the Township Park in town and some in Center Cemetery at the cost of \$7,200, Bryon seconded. The roll; Burke, absent. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. The County Engineer will be coming out to look at the situation on Water Street at the Hobie property. The County Engineer will also give us the paperwork for an easement at the Hobie property. The tree auger drill has been ordered and the price will be around \$12,000. Chip and seal will be started near the end of June. The loader will need work done on it soon. Mike asked if they can start stripping out the old 503 fire truck so they can start rebuilding it for a utility truck/dump truck for the road department.

Byron reported he had a call from a resident on Chapel Road about getting city water ran down the road. Byron referred them to the water company. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. John reported the Township Park in Town and the Townhall will open June 1st. All Ohio Dept. of Health guidelines must be met when using both places. John has asked Mike to contact the Jefferson Health Dept. on opening the playgrounds. A legal notice will be put in the Star Beacon and it will run two times in regards to paving Dadeyville Road and the Townhall parking lot on June 15th the paving bids will be opened at 7:30 pm. Res. 74-20 John moved to purchase 4 more trees from Tree Tyme nursery; they will be used to replace the trees that are being taken down, Byron seconded. The roll call; Burke, absent. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. The bridge on Route 45 North of 307 will be closing for repairs starting on May 26 for approximately 80 days.

Resident Lorna Masek asked about getting the piping done by her house. Mike P. will get with Lorna Masek about measuring and size of pipe. Sarah Frank asked why we

were checking on the ditches on Dadeyville Road. Mike P. reported that the ditch needs cleaned out. Sarah Frank also asked when the paving will start on Dadeyville and was told that no date has been set yet. Sarah Frank also asked if she needs to record Zoning meetings and save the recordings. Sarah Frank was informed she has to have paper minutes for zoning meetings.

Res. 75-20 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, Byron seconded. The Roll; Burke, absent. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman