

Austinburg Township

August 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. Residents in attendance included Sarah Frank, Mike Kovacic, Lorna Masek, Bill Wilms and Mike Petro.

Res. 97-20 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 98-20 Jerry moved to pay the bills, John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Bills paid were \$24,370.70 and Receipts were \$216,888.10.

In terms of correspondence we received an email from NOPEC reminding us that we need to use the money that is in the escrow account from 2018 in the amount of \$3,719. The money has to be used by the end of 2020. Escrow accounts can only be held for 2 years. We received an email in regards to a grant opportunity available through the CARES Act to provide hotspots and internet-enabled devices to students. Jake Brand will be the new Director of Community Services & Planning for the Health Department. We received an email from the Ashtabula Health Dept. reporting as of 8/13/20 that there has been 580 confirmed cases and 46 deaths in Ashtabula County from the COVID 19 virus.

Res.99-20 John moved to keep the Township special assessments in regards to our street lights, project numbers #21-026, #21-027, and #21-028, seconded by Byron. The roll call; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 100-20 John moved to authorize moving \$20.20 into account 2403-310-314 to cover the cost of tax collection fees, because not enough money was appropriated for this expense at the beginning of the year, seconded by Bryon. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported the SCBA's will be going in for annual testing. There was some discussion on what could be done to improve the fire station. Bill suggested looking at the heating system because of its age instead of windows.

Road Sup Mike Petro reported that during the Dadeyville paving project that John Luban was on site during the project. The only driveways not done were the field driveways. Mike will just gravel the field driveways off. Forman Road job culverts are beginning to be put in. The road grindings will need chip and seal on Forman Road. Mike asked if they could order a load of top soil. Mike reported on the playground equipment and mulch which was found unacceptable during an insurance review. The Trustees will be going to the Township Park to look at the playground equipment in the park before any decisions are made. Mike said he will need to order some cold patch.

Jerry asked about the speed bumps on College Street. The speed bumps were removed by the Grand River Academy. John has contacted the Head Master at Grand River Academy and the State Highway Patrol out to look at the speed limit. Byron reported on NAD. Bryon will work on getting the plans again for the gas tank at the Township garage. After much discussion the OPWC grant Round 35 was motioned by Byron to apply the OPWC grant Round 35 to do middle Forman Road. Due to no second, the motion didn't go through. John reported on some issues with the Dadeyville paving project. Once we receive the bill from Koski we need to compare to the bid. The

insurance recommendations were discussed and divided up among our Township employees to work on getting them updated. John reported that John Beninato's tentative last day as the Zoning Administrator will be Oct. 1. John will come up with an ad to put in the newspaper in regards to the Zoning Administrators job applications by Sept. 7. There was discussion on Zoning Administrator pay and responsibilities.

Resident Mike Kovacic asked if we need to have a Zoning Administrator. Per the Township rules there has to be Zoning Administrator.

Res. 101-20 John made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm, seconded by Byron. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman