

Austinburg Township

September 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. Residents in attendance included Joe Hejduk Jr., Mike Kovacic, Lorna Masek, Bill Wilms and John Beninato.

Res. 110-20 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 111-20 Jerry moved to pay the bills, John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Bills paid were \$26,412.48 and Receipts were \$6,924.68.

We received a notice in the mail that all Township liquor permits will expire Dec. 1, 2020. We received an email from Chris Stasny inquiring if a permit needs to be filed to hold a running event that uses roads in Austinburg Twp.? The event in question would be on October 18th and start at 9AM. The Zoning Commission will be holding a special meeting Wed. Sept. 30 at 5:15 pm at the Townhall. This meeting is regards to a map zoning change with the Ashtabula Growth Partnership. We received a notice that we need to decide on renewing our insurance policy with OTARMA which covers our Township property and equipment. The Ashtabula Health Dept. sent an email reporting as of 9/15/20 that there have been 647 confirmed cases and 47 deaths in Ashtabula County from the COVID 19 virus.

Res.112-20 John moved to authorizing the Inter-Fund Transfer of \$3,000 in fund 2021 to cover the cost of OPERS fees for the roadmen, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res 113-20 Jerry moved to renew the OTARMA coverage effective 11/01/2020 for \$21,450, John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato turned in his report. John B. reported on the new construction on Sidley Court. It will be about a 52,000 sq. ft. building for Volvo and Mac sales.

Chief Bill Wilms reported that the SCBA's will be coming due for testing.

Res. 114-20 John moved to keep John Beninato on as a consultant until the end of November for on call issues at his regular salary, Jerry seconded. The roll call; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 115-20 Jerry moved to purchase 2 new 15 foot long aluminum bleachers at a cost of \$901.00 each plus \$400 for freight for the Township Park, Byron seconded. The roll call; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. These 2 new bleachers will replace the 27ft bleachers already in the park. The 27ft bleachers will be moved to the Township garage for now.

Res. 116-20 Byron moved to follow the County Engineers specs for road maintenance including yearly updates, John seconded. The roll call; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Burke, aye.

Byron asked about the mulch for the park. Mulch won't be ordered and put down until spring. Byron asked if we could order some signs saying "Pavement ends". Byron will have Mike order some signs from the County. Byron has the roadmen's hours for the Forman Road project so we can start working on the in-kind services for OPWC grant.

The Fiscal Officer will order the projector for the Zoning committee. John reported that the Trustees held 4 interviews for the Zoning Administrators position.

Res. 117-20 John moved to hire the new Zoning Administrator for \$500.00 a month by appointment only, they will be required to attend the first Trustees meeting of the month plus zoning meetings, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

John and the Trustees agreed to have Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Resident Joe Hejduk Jr. asked about possibly getting new chairs for the residents to sit in during the meetings in the office. Joe Hejduk Jr. will also be looking into getting zoning removed in the future from the Township. Resident Mike Kovacic questioned the role of the new Zoning Administrator and what he/she will be doing.

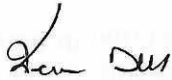
Res. 118-20 John move to go into executive session at 8:07 pm to discuss personal issues, Jerry seconded. The roll call; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 119-20 John moved to come out of executive session at 8:15 pm, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

After executive session the public was invited back in to the meeting.

Res. 120-20 Byron moved to offer the job of Zoning Administrator to Rob Lupah, Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 121-20 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, Byron seconded. The roll call; Burke, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Board Chairman