

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Austinburg Township

Meeting

Held _____ May 19,

2008

The regular meeting of Austinburg Twp. held May 19, 2008 was called to order at 7:30pm. Trustees Burke, Kusar, and Spade were present. Audience present were Ted and Ginny Seifert, Joe Hejduk Jr., Byron Dutton II, Chris Paxton, Joe Bocchi, Winnie Cerbin, Nelson Hejduk.

Res. 948-08 Janie made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the addition of the words "as needed" to the reference to the part time position. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 949-08 John moved to pay the bills as the lawful obligation to the township. Jerry seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Receipts were \$4,294.61. Bills were \$26,588.34.

Correspondence received; a copy of the letter sent to the EPA from the Ashtabula Co. Environmental Services requesting the extension to the deadline for the sewer project.

The Dept. of Commerce notice to the township the lights over the elevator are out and need to be repaired.

Ashtabula Co. Prosecutor Tom Sartini sent his opinion on purchasing crushed concrete from another vendor besides the one awarded the bid. Jerry stated the crushed concrete we are currently receiving from Nelson Sand and Gravel contains too much gravel in it and Jerry would like the board to send a letter informing them of this. The board can go and look at the material if they would like.

The Zoning Commission turned in their questions and comments on the Corridor Plan.

Res. 950-08 Janie moved to sign on with CareWorks as the township MCO as per the suggestion of the OTA. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

The fiscal officer stated the board needed to name a project manager for the proposed OPWC project, as well as decide on what portion will be in-kind. Discussion was held on the aspects of the proposed project.

Res. 951-08 John moved to name Tim Martin as project manager. Jerry seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 952-08 John moved to do the conduit and seeding portion of the OPWC Forman Rd. project, amounting to \$21,580.00. Janie seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Burke, aye. Kusar, aye.

Discussion was held on accepting a loan as a share of the OPWC funding.

Zoning Administrator John Beninato presented his zoning report.

John Kusar stated the Zoning Commission has turned in their questions on the corridor plan, and he would like to set a work session for the trustees to go over the plan. When all questions from the trustees and Zoning are compiled, they can be sent to Albert Dispenza. Discussion was held on the meeting to review the corridor plan. The date of June 12, 2008 at 7:30pm was chosen for the trustees to go over the plan. Ted Seifert asked if the trustees would like the Zoning Board to attend. John said they are certainly welcome, and it might be helpful for Ted to attend, as he is very familiar with the Corridor Plan and the Commission's comments on it.

John stated the Zoning Commission will be finishing their signage work before moving on to the comprehensive plan for the township. Three proposals from professional planners have been received. There will be a joint meeting between these firms, Zoning, and trustees at the end of summer.

John inquired if Janie had ever followed up on a township web site development since Sarah is working on converting the zoning text to an electronic form. Janie said Miami University can do a web site using grant money.

John spoke to Tom Sartini, and asked him about the fence issue on Mark Calloway's property. John drew a letter up to send to Mr. Sartini with questions on this issue.

John stated Capri Cafaro will be in Austinburg for a meeting on August 9, 2008 at 2:00pm. to discuss availability of Public Works money for our sewer project. The community is welcome, and John asked Mike Schaab to contact Voinovich's and LaTourette's offices inviting them to attend as well.

Res. 953-08 Janie moved to renew the township medical insurance with Burnham and Flower/ Medical Mutual. John seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Spade, aye. Kusar, aye.

Janie spoke with Joan Arndt, our local insurance agent, about the fence issue on Mr.

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Calloway's property if he placed his fence on the township property line.

Janie said she would like to get an estimate on a computer from Tony Long of JLS for the zoning office. John Beninato has a proposal from Office Max.

Janie mentioned John Beninato's salary. Jerry stated he would rather discuss this in a trustee work session. Janie suggested June 9 at 7:00pm for a work session.

Janie announced plans for the Memorial Day parade and service. Peg Carlo will be the speaker, Rev. Allison will give the prayer. The Sheriff Dept. may charge for traffic control. The fire dept. will help if needed. Discussion on fees charged by the Sheriff Dept.

Res. 954-08 John moved Austinburg pay for the traffic assistance from the Sheriff Dept. if necessary. Janie seconded. The roll; Burke, aye. Kusar, aye. Spade, aye.

Janie said two meetings have been held by the Park Committee. The baseball field was discussed as well as playground equipment. The next meeting will be June 11, 2008 at the park. The Little League has been consulted about the ball field. Playground equipment decided on is a set of swings for \$1,773.00, and spring riders for \$4,543.00 plus shipping. Janie said Joan Arndt said it would add \$5.00 per \$1,000.00 per year to the cost of our insurance.

Janie moved to approve the purchase of the spring riders and swings. Jerry asked what the cost will be for the material needed under the swings. John asked about the foundation for the installation of the equipment. Discussion was held on what would be necessary for the proper installation of the playground equipment.

Janie amended her motion to approve the purchase of the equipment, and get prices on the foundation. John stated he believes we need a total cost first. Jerry stated we need to get cost of material and footers and firm up the costs. Janie said she will have the company FAX her some information.

Jerry reported Mark Jones had informed him the trimming of the trees at Shirley Lindburgh's property is on hold until summer. Ted Seifert said the high trimming had been done already.

Jerry stated last Monday the trustees interviewed six applicants for the part time help. Jerry said he would like to make a decision on this so Pete can begin to use the help. Janie stated she would like to put the four favorable candidates on the list. John said two of those already have full time jobs. Barb said OPERS and tax information must be filled out on persons hired. Jerry discussed driving records, and said he did not agree with drawing from a list. Discussion was held on the applicants.

Res. 955-08 John moved to put on Dennis Tenney and John Luban, pending passing motor vehicle driving record checks, DOT med card, and the tax paperwork completed. Janie seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, no. Jerry votes no because he does not agree with placing on a list, we should hire one man.

Janie said Pete will do dust control on Wed. and Thurs. if the weather cooperates. Ted discussed the tile he needs across the road by his property.

Res. 956-08 The voicemail system with Windstream is not working, so John moved we get an answering machine if we can not get the voicemail working in conjunction with the FAX machine. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Spade, aye. Burke, aye.

Res. 957-08 Jerry moved to name the fiscal officer as contact for documents related to the snow emergency declared for our county in March. Janie seconded. The roll; Spade, aye. Kusar, aye. Burke, aye.

Janie said on Saturday morning, Mr. Britton looked at the township roads, and plowing in berm tile. He would like the public utilities marked before he provides a final price on this work.

Jerry stated he had spoken to the head of the County EMA and was told there is no help available for individuals. This was in response to Joe Bocchi's inquiry about damage done to his property. Joe indicated he was told as an individual, he needs a mediator for this, and the trustees could help. Jerry stated unfortunately, his situation is not covered. Janie added this latest emergency funding was for government entities only. John mentioned maybe LaTourette's office could help Mr. Bocchi. Janie stated the article Joe presented referred to communities only, but said she would contact the EMA again for him.

In audience participation, Byron Dutton asked about the road crew working Saturdays as

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been discussed. Jerry said he mentioned it to the men, but they didn't think it was a good idea. They would work if necessary though.

Byron said since the Zoning Commission is working on signs, perhaps the comprehensive plan as well as the corridor plan would impact decisions they make on signage. It may be beneficial to not finish their work on the signs before looking at the plans. John said they have been working on the sign issue for the past 18 months.

Chris Paxton said she would like a footer placed on Roger Paxton's grave for his head stone.

Chris inquired about the trucks parked by Nolan Door, and stated they run too long when getting started causing noise and fumes. John Beninato said he could look into it, but it is zoned industrial in that area.

Nelson Hejduk stated he has spoken to Larry Meaney, asking about the cost evaluation between the two sewer designs.

Ginny Seifert asked if the trustees had voted to sponsor Country Days this year.

Res. 958-08 Janie moved to sponsor Austinburg Country Days. Jerry seconded. The roll; Kusar, aye. Burke, aye. Spade, aye.

Res. 959-08 John moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Jerry Burke

Chairman

Barbara Schaab