

Austinburg Township Meeting  
July 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Brian O'Dell, Rob Lapuh, Sherry Bailey and Joe Hejduk Jr.

Res. 99-22 John moved to accept the minutes with the correction that the quote on the brush hog was for a new brush hog, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 100-22 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$176,463.44 and receipts were \$17,122.56.

In terms of correspondence we received a letter from NOPEC explaining the current high rates and the options for changing service providers.

The Fiscal Officer reported that we just got notice that our Road and Bridge 2 mil levy will expire in 2022. We need a resolution to ask for the millage for this levy before we can proceed. The Fiscal Officer also reported the bill from Clean Up Day had arrived and it was for \$6,873.84. Our cost was \$6,373.84 because we had a grant of \$500 from NOPEC that was for Clean Up Day. The Fiscal Officer also reported that there has been an issue with our answering service and Windstream is working on the issue.

Res. 101-22 John moved to start the paperwork for renewal of the Road and Bridge 2 mil levy to try and make the November election, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

There was a lot of discussion about whether to proceed with the OPWC Round 37 grant which would be for paving the rest of Forman Road next year. Due to the uncertainty of the economy the paper work for this project will not be filled.

Res. 102-22 John moved not proceed with OPWC Round 37, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, nay. Kusar, aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that he had an inquiry on 5 parcels of land near Route 45 and Sidley.

Pete reported on attending the Health Dept emergency meeting. They appointed a person to fill the vacancy on the Health Dept. Board. Harmon Electric is almost finished with the electrical work between the Fire Station and the Townhall. John put together a letter to be sent to Commissioner Kozlowski about the upcoming TIF. All three Trustees signed the letter and it was emailed to the Commissioner. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. Byron reported we haven't heard anything back yet on Round 36 of the OPWC grant.

Res. 103-22 Byron moved to send \$50.00 to Rock Creek VFW to cover their expenses on the ammo used for our Memorial Day Ceremony, John seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The residents had a few comments. Brian O'Dell said the swing set looked good and it was getting a lot of use. Joe Hejduk Jr. asked if we have a speaker system that could be used if we do another meeting in the main part of the Townhall. Joe also has concerns about the road work the state is doing on Route 45 because of the size of the culverts they are putting in. Joe was given some names to contact in regards to the ditching on Route 45. Sherry Bailey reported on a zoning meeting which will be July 13 at 5:00 pm and a public hearing Aug. 1 at 6:00 pm.

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Res. 104-22 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Byron Dutton, Board Chairman