

Austinburg Township Year End Meeting
December 28, 2022

The Year End meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:10 pm. In attendance were Bill Wilms, Brian O'Dell, Wesley Wilms, Rob Lapuh, Mike Petro and Ted Seifert.

Fire Dependency Board was called to order by Secretary Ted Seifert at 7:10 pm. Present for the meeting was Wesley Wilms and Rob Lapuh. Ted Seifert reported that to his knowledge there were no cases to report and all is in order. Motion to adjourn by Trustee Byron Dutton and seconded by Rob Lapuh at 7:35 pm all in favor to close the meeting.

Res. 176-22 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 177-22 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$8,693.57 and receipts were \$18,230.07.

In terms of correspondence, we received a letter from the Ashtabula County Metroparks in regards to them applying for a Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund to purchase and protect approximately 228-acre Mill Creek Preserve property. We received a check from OTARMA for the fire department of \$1,000 for the Police and Fire Grant for 2022.

The Fiscal Officer presented temporary appropriations to the Board of Trustees in the amount of \$372,750.00. Res. 178-22 John moved to accept the temporary appropriations for 2023, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported on the fire department. Bill expressed the need to get a new fire station built in the Township. Bill said that if need be we may have to look at taking the issue of a fire station to the voters of the Township. Bill also said that fire truck 501 is starting to show its age. The truck is a 1996. Bill said he is even looking to maybe find a good used fire truck. Bill also suggested the need to get a Fire Inspector from the Township.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh turned in a year end report of the permits issued this year. The amount of fees brought in this year was \$3,910. There were 5 new residential homes built this year. Rob said he is going to do up a proposal about raising the fees for zoning permits and present it to the Trustees in 2023.

Road Supervisor Mike Petro went over his list of up coming needs. Mike suggested to put a chipper and new salt bins high on the list of needs. Mike said the front-end loader is going to need to be replaced soon. Mike said there are all kinds of attachments for the Mow Max. John suggested to get a broom order for Mow Mas as soon as possible. Mike suggested to seriously look at getting a new person hired whether part time or full time so they can learn the job. Resident Ted Seifert asked Mike what the plans are for the road department for 2023. Mike reported that Forman Road dirt work was to be finished in 2023. Once the dirt work is finished then paving can be done tentatively for the end of 2023 to early 2024.

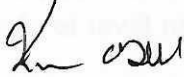
Pete had nothing to report on. John reported on talking to the County Prosecutors office about doing a TIF on the property North of 90. John will work on getting with the County Prosecutors to get the paperwork done on a TIF. Clean-up Day is tentatively scheduled for May 13, 2023 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. It will be decided at the next meeting. Byron had nothing to report. Training on the new Mow Max mower will be Tuesday January 3, 2023. John reminded Mike to make sure we had the right supplies for maintenance on the new mower.

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There were no questions or concerns from the residents.

The next Township meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023 because of New Years being observed on Monday.

Res. 179-22 Byron moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Byron Dutton, Board Chairman