

Austinburg Township Meeting
February 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh, Ted Seifert and Lorna Masek.

Res. 39-23 Pete moved to accept the minutes as written, John seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 40-23 Pete moved to pay the bills; John seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$11,830.28 and receipts were \$28,086.60.

In terms of correspondence we received a letter from the Ashtabula County Commissioners in regards to the letter sent from the County Prosecutor Office about possible budget cuts to the Prosecutors budget. We received a check from OTRMA for the 2022 MORE grant which covered the new shredder and the new drop box for the Township Office.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported on a permit issued. He got a call from Victor Hyundai and they are getting ready to also start building up on Clay St. Rob is issuing a violation notice to Mr. Cunningham on Clay Street regarding his handling of disposing of garbage in his back yard. Rob asked if he could get some business cards made up. Rob received a call-in regard to possibly building more structures where Conneaut Savings Bank is. Ted Seifert asked Rob if he had anything to do with removing the signs on utility poles. There is no zoning text regarding the signs on utility poles.

Byron reported that he had no NAD report for this month. Byron asked about if we had any applications sent in yet for the Township Road Dept worker. Byron asked about opening of the stone bids. The bids must be back to us by April 1st and will be opened April 3 at 7:00pm. Byron asked if we were going to apply for the Issue 1 grant for 2024 to finish Forman Road. The cost will be around \$300,000 and our cost will be \$200,000. Fiscal Officer will look at the finances to see what finances look like for 2024. Byron had another resident reach out about getting city water ran down Pelton Road. Byron contacted Ed Spoor to see where the county is on running water down there and the cost to the residents. Byron reported that there will be another RAM clinic. The RAM clinic organizers need to find housing for some of their volunteers. John would like articles for the newsletter for next meeting March 6th. John is still working on getting dumpsters set for cleanup day May 6. John went over the bids for mowing and spraying for 2023. MC Lawncare is offering their services for mowing and vegetation spraying at the same cost as last year.

Res. 41-23 Byron moved to go with MC Lawncare for this year for \$22,117.07 for mowing, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 42-23 Byron moved to go with MC Lawncare for this year for \$5,996.25 for vegetation spraying, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye. John spoke with the Austinburg Country Days committee about portable restrooms and dumpster for this year's festival.

Res. 43-23 John moved to pay for 3 portable restrooms (1 handicapped) and a 12-yard dumpster, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye. John has been in contact with the elevator repair person Tony. Currently we have \$825 already in the repairs and looking over the elevator. A new elevator will cost roughly around \$36,000 which doesn't include any kind of modifications that may need to be made. There was lots of discussion on what to do with the elevator. Bryon will get in contact with another person to look at the elevator, so we have a second opinion before making a

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discussion. Pete attended the Ashtabula County Township Assoc. meeting. Pete will get with Jake Brand regarding the Solid Waste grant to see what all it requires.

Resident Kanda O'Dell asked if she could use the sign out front to display something for 4-H week. Lorna Masek asked about what was going on with the corner house North/West corner of 307/45.

Res. 44-23 Pete moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm, Bryon seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer

Pete Haase, Chairman