

Austinburg Township Meeting
April 3, 2023

The bid opening portion meeting opened at 7:00 pm. The Board opened Stone, Cold Patch and Road Equipment bids. John Kusar reminded all bidders that all awarded bidders are tentative agreements. Once the Prosecutor reviews the contracts and the public notice, then the Prosecutor will come up with a contract. Both the awarded winning bidders and the Trustees will review the contracts and sign them. John also reminded the bidders when it comes to fulfilling the cold patch/chip and seal that if the amount should be over \$28,900 then prevailing wages will need to be paid per the Ohio Revised Code.

John motioned to tentatively hire Larson Trucking for #8 Limestone at \$27.81 a ton, #57 Limestone at \$27.40 a ton, #67 Limestone at \$27.75 a ton, #304 Limestone at \$23.86 a ton and #411 Limestone at \$23.86 at ton; Simak Trucking for Pea Gravel at \$23.95 a ton, screened asphalt grindings at \$24.95 a ton and #304 crushed concrete at \$22.75 a ton; and CAPP Steel #411 crushed concrete at \$30.10 a ton.

John motioned to tentatively hire Martuccio for AEP applied at \$2.46 a gallon, CRS-2 delivered at \$2.58 a gallon, CRS-2 applied as directed with the computerized tools at \$2.862 a gallon, and cold patch at \$114 a ton delivered to the Road Dept garage. Once the contracts are all back, reviewed and signed then the Trustees will do a resolution. The bid meeting closed at 7:29 pm.

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:33 pm. In attendance were Brian O'Dell, Bill Wilms, Rob Lapuh, Ted Seifert, Ginny Seifert, Lorna Masek and Mike Petro.

Res. 57-23 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 58-23 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$29,769.70 and receipts were \$14,309.11.

In terms of correspondence we received a letter from the County Prospector regarding her and her staff attending the Ashtabula County Trustees Meeting on March 16, 2023. We received a notice from NOPEC in regards to in-person and virtual informational presentations for our residents and community officials about natural gas enrollment. We received a notice for a new liquor license for 1591 State Route 45 Austinburg. The Ohio Division of Liquor Control asked whether we want a hearing or not on the license.

The Trustees did not request a hearing for the liquor license. The Fiscal Officer reported that we don't have a Township levy up until the fall of 2024 for the road and bridge fund and the Fire Dept levy is up in fall of 2026. The Fiscal Officer reported that she has put in the Matrix for the Prosecutor Office asking if health benefits for the road department employees can come out of the road and bridge fund.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the department was very busy with trees and lines down from the storms. The generator worked fine for the fire station, but it didn't link up to the Townhall.

Road Sup Mike Petro reported on using the chipper a lot with all the down trees from the storms. Bill Wilms reported that the old boom mower was put on Gov.Deals to be sold.

Zoning Inspector Rob Lapuh reported that he is still working with Mr. Cunningham on the clean up on Clay St. Rob presented new zoning permit fees. Rob compared them with five other Townships around us.

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Res. 59-23 Pete moved to except the new changes residential-single family from \$75 to \$150, residential 2-family from \$150 to \$250, addition/accessory structure will now be \$100, commercial will be \$300+.06 sqft, commercial addition/accessory will be \$300+.06 sqft (commercial is a flat fee of \$300 plus sqft), variance commercial from \$300 to \$400, zoning map amendment from \$250 to \$400 and plan unit development from \$1,000 to \$1,500 effective April 3, 2023, John seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

John is meeting the County Engineer Tuesday April 3 at 3:00 pm to look at Forman Road to verify if there really needs to be 5" of stone all the way cross or what other options we have. This is part of the OPWC grant for dirt work that needs to be taken care of. John had a complaint from a resident on Red Oak Dr questioning why CEI was so slow in repairing lines. Memorial Day plans for Pastor Bill and Geneve Jr High band are all confirmed. We are still in need of a speaker. The Gov.Deals auction closed at 8:00 pm during the meeting.

Res. 60-23 John moved to accept the final bid on the boom mower for \$12,900, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

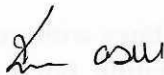
John went over the painting and floor spec sheets so we can go out for bids. We would like to have the bids back for next meeting.

Byron thanked the road guys for all of their hard work during and after the storms. Byron will reach out to the applicant to set up an interview for the road department. There is a NAD meeting Tuesday, April 3. Byron was approached by Alex Iarocci about running a trail down Clay St from Spire to the Rails to Trails. Alex Iarocci wanted the Trustees to reach out to the homeowners to see if they were interested. After a lot of discussion among the Trustees. The Trustees were not in favor of doing this.

Pete reported on attending the County Health Department meeting. Pete discussed proposed rate changes for burial fees and plots. There will be more discussion once we find out what the procedure is for indigent burials. The Fiscal Officer will put the question in the Matrix for the Prosecutors Office about indigent burials. Pete brought up about hooking up a generator at the Road Department garage. He will check state pricing for generator prices.

Resident Ted Seifert asked if we had an emergency plan for the Austinburg Township. Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that we do have plans they are on file with the EMA office. We would use the Fire Station, Townhall and Austinburg Elementary because all of them have backup generators.

Res. 61-23 Pete moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman