

Austinburg Township Meeting
April 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Brian O'Dell, Bill Wilms, Rob Lapuh, Lorna Masek, Emily Dress, Serenity Rivera, Sheri Dress, David Gottwig, Teresa Gottwig, Max Booth and Joe Hedjuk Jr.

Res. 62-23 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 63-23 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$20,712.24 and receipts were \$2,759.60.

In terms of correspondence we received an email in regards to the Ashtabula County Township Assoc. meeting Thursday, April 20, 2023 6:30 p.m. at the Ashtabula County Engineer's Office. We received an email from the Austinburg United Church of Christ about the Electronic Waste Recycling Event at the church on Route 307, Austinburg on Saturday, April 22nd from 9am-3pm. We received a notice from the Ashtabula Dept of Environmental services that our sewer and water rates will be going up. We received a notice from Dominion Energy that they need to inspect one of our gas meters. We received letters from NOPEC on whether we want to opt in with NOPEC for electric or stay with our current provider. We received the pre-application for Round 38 for the OPWC grant.

The Fiscal Officer reported that we needed to do a correction to Res. 54-23 because it had the wrong date listed for Clean Up Day which should have read Saturday May 13.

Res. 64-23 John moved to amended Res. 54-23 to correct clean up day to Saturday May 13, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The Fiscal Officer reported that she has completed The Ohio Ethics training on April 11. The Fiscal Officer reported that the audit has been completed and that we are just waiting for the review. The Fiscal Officer asked for a motion to pay the insurance for the Road Department employees out of the Road and Bridge Fund.

Res. 65-23 John moved to pay the roadmen's hospitalization benefits out of the Road and Bridge Fund, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning administrator Rob Lapuh reported of a couple of building permits. Pilot gas station notified zoning they will be adding to the building.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the SCBA's need to be tested. Fire Dept has been busy with grass fires.

John reported that the newsletter has been mailed out. John said we need to update the mailing list plus we may have to find a new printer for the newsletter because Nizen may be retiring. John and Mike met with the County Engineer in regards to Forman Road. It looks like we may be able to not tear up the chip and seal but add stone to the edge of the road. Instead we can then just add a top coat once the stone is put down. Austinburg Machine called John in regards to the semi's on Industrial Parkway Drive driving in his yard and crushing the underground pipe. John was contacted by Farinacci in regards to a noise ordinance. We have sent the information to the County Prosecutor to see if we must adopt a notice ordinance for the State Patrol to enforce the ordinance. John had the survey for Eagleville Cemetery. We need to look at how to put the driveway in and a possible parking spot for vehicles. John is still looking for a speaker for Memorial Day. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. Bryon suggested that Pete fill out the OPWC grant this time. When we apply for the OPWC grant we will also

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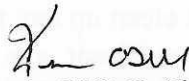
apply for the loan. This OPWC grant is to finishing paving Forman Road. Bryon reported that the one applicant we had for the road department job has accepted another job. Byron went over the need for another person on the zoning board.


Res. 66-23 Byron moved to add David Gottwig to the zoning board, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Pete is still working on getting a generator for the road department garage through state bid. Pete is still working on finding out the rules on indigent burials. Cemetery Sexton Bill Wilms will contact three funeral homes in regards to pricing for indigent burials and whether they would want to be our service provider for this service. Pete and Byron are still working on finding contractors to paint the Townhall. Pete would like to start looking at getting a new wood chipper. Pete asked about doing some landscaping out front of the Townhall.

Resident Lorna Masek asked about clean up day in regards to what is accepted. David Gottwig thanked the roadmen for their work on cleaning up all the downed trees. David also gave a brief introduction of himself since he was newly appointed to the Zoning Board. Teresa Gottwig asked what the protocol was for cleaning up down lines and who is to watch them to make sure no one is injured by them. The Trustees explained the Fire Dept will come out but ultimately it is up to the power company to handle.

Res. 67-23 Pete moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, John seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.


Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer


Pete Haase, Chairman