

Austinburg Township Meeting
May 1, 2023

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Brian O'Dell, Ginny Seifert, Ted Seifert and Rob Lapuh.

Res. 67-23 Byron moved to accept the minutes as written, John seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 68-23 Byron moved to pay the bills; John seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$33,295.05 and receipts were \$353,766.00.

In terms of correspondence, we received a letter from the County Prosecutors Office about government building leases.

The Fiscal Officer reported on the noise ordinance regarding loud mufflers per the Prosecutor's office that is to be enforced by the State Highway Patrol. The Fiscal Officer reported that our audit for the years 2021 and 2022 has been completed. There was an issue with the Fiscal Officers pay and the Trustees pay due to new amended certificates in those 2 years. The issues have been corrected from the audit.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh has written a letter to be sent to Mr. Cunningham on Clay St regarding his junk pile out back of his home. The Ashtabula County Health Department is also sending a letter.

Fire Dept no report.

Road and Bridge no report.

John reported that he spoke with Rob Lapuh and the Saybrook Trustees regarding possible new construction which would end up on parcels in both Townships. John spoke with Mike Petro about getting mulch for the Township Park.

Res. 69-23 John moved to go with Brobst for 15 yards of double ground mulch for \$28.50 a ton with a delivery fee of \$25, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

John reported that Sheriff Bill Niemi will be the speaker for Memorial Day. Byron will check on the VFW for honor guards for the parade. John was looking to get some landscaping done in front of the Townhall. Kanda will check the local Scout troops to see if anyone needs community service projects. John asked if we have gotten the new zoning books completed yet.

Byron reported that there is a NAD meeting Tuesday 5/2 and a zoning meeting Wednesday 5/3. Byron reported that he has submitted Round 38 for OPWC. Byron reported that the County Water Line Board is working on getting water lines run down Route 307 by Whispering Willow Trailer Park to College Street. North Pelton Road residents are still wanting water lines ran but we are still waiting on the cost of the project.

Res. 70-23 Byron moved to stay with NOPEC at the rate of 6.25 right now. We will do 2 years at a rate of 6.85 pending on getting an answer to the email for registering, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The Trustees went over the contracts that were sent back from the Prosecutors Office regarding our stone bids/chip and seal. The Trustees weren't satisfied with the wording so we will resubmit the wording we are looking for.

Need to get with Mike Petro to create a list of roads that need chip n sealed this year.

Pete reported on the issues with the Front-End loader. Need to start at looking at seriously replacing it. Pete went over the quotes for redoing the Townhall floor and painting. Pete went over the quotes to replace the wood fence in the Township Park.

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Res. 71-23 Pete moved to go with Old-Fashioned Fence & Deck for \$3,450, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Residents had no comments or concerns.

Res. 72-23 Byron moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



Pete Haase, Chairman