

ATHENS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Conditional Use Hearing
July 15, 2015 6 PM

Chairman Cheryl Wood-Walter called the meeting to order at 6 PM. Supervisors also present were Susan Seck, George Ballenstedt, Christine Vough and Ronald Reagan. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary Robin Smith were also in attendance.

Cheryl welcomed everyone and explained the procedures for the hearing. She then turned the hearing over to John Thompson.

John Thompson began the Austin's Excavating & Paving, Inc. Conditional Use hearing for a proposed subsurface sand and gravel mine located on Wildwood Road in Athens Township on their Tax Parcel Number 09-008.01-003. The parcel is in the Agricultural District and consists of 78.9 acres – 61 of which are proposed to be mined. They are requesting hours of operation of 7 AM to 8 PM daily, with 30 trucks per day over a period of 20 years. John explained the purpose of the Conditional Use, and advised everyone that it is up to the applicant to show they have met the burden of proof.

Attorney Richard Sheetz and Engineer Tim Gourley represented applicant Michael Austin, who was also present. Attorney Jonathan Foster, Sr. and Engineer Lake Randall represented the majority of the protestants in attendance. Testimony was taken by Stenographer, Caitlyn Jurek of Verbatim Reporting & Video.

All parties agreed to a continuation of the hearing, which will take place on August 20, 2015 at the Athens Township Municipal Building at 6 PM. The hearing adjourned at 11:48 PM. The secretary was excused and the remaining minutes were taken by Cheryl Wood Walter.

Susan Seck received an invoice from Insinger Excavating for the DSA on Murphy Road in the amount of \$83,825.39. On motion of Ron, second by Susan, it was unanimous to transfer \$48,000 from General Fund to the Dirt and Gravel Road Fund, which will be reimbursed once it is inspected.

On motion of Susan, second by Christine, it was unanimous to pay Daggett Sand and Gravel for the crushing as per their most recent invoice.

On motion of Christine, second by Cheryl, it was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 12 midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin L. Smith, Secretary