

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

PUBLIC STAFF MEETING OF MAY 18, 2026

The Public Staff Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, May 18, 2026, at Austintown Park, Stacey Pavilion, 6000 Kirk Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 9:30 am with a salute to the flag led by Chairperson Robert Santos.

Roll Call was as follows: Mr. Santos, present; Mrs. Deavers, present; Mr. Shepas, present.

Assistant Fiscal Officer, Amy O'Brien, will serve as the Fiscal Officer for purposes of this meeting pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 507.021

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-01: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2026 and the Special Meeting May 11, 2026.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

- Resident, George Rohrbaugh, 1164 Cedarwood Drive, Mineral Ridge, OH stopped to discuss an issue with the Trustees. Mr. Rohrbaugh stated that Armstrong Cable is installing boxes throughout the Township and they do not care that they are leaning and an eyesore. Mr. Rohrbaugh has called Armstrong Cable and they refuse to make things right. Mr. Rohrbaugh also asked the Trustees if they would be able to install cameras throughout the Township so that people can be held responsible and fined for littering and driving offenses. Mr. Santos addressed the concerns.

Police Matters with Chief Dave Valorie Delmont:

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-02: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept \$225.00 in gift cards as a donation from Redeemer Lutheran Church, in celebration of National Day of Prayer, to be used for supplies on the Police Department's next training days.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

- Chief Delmont mentioned that an application has been made to NOPEC for a grant covering garage doors for the cruiser car ports.
- Chief Delmont reviewed, with the Trustees, a traffic report that monitored and recorded vehicle speed on Norquest Avenue. The report showed that there is no significantly high overall issues at this time.
- There is nothing additional to report at this time from Mahoning County in reference to the Memo of Understanding.
- Chief Delmont will make a formal request to Austintown Local Schools Superintendent, Timothy Kely, to present to the Board of Education a request to use fuel pumps at the school.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-03: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 10:18 am to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito and Amy O'Brien

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-04: Motion by Mr. Santos at 10:40 am to return from Executive Session.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

- Mr. Shaffer reported that Park personnel Tex Martin and Corey Susany called off sick today, and the weather and employee absence has made it difficult to cut and maintain the Park. Mark D'Apolito and the Trustees discussed with Todd the possibility of Road Department employees helping cut the grass, and Todd stated he welcomed the assistance.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-05: Motion by Mr. Santos to have Road Superintendent Mark D'Apolito direct the Road Department to assist the Park Department in cutting grass at Austintown Park due to sick call-offs, the wet weather, high grass and upcoming holiday. All costs are to be allocated to the Park.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

Fire Matters with Assistant Chief Tom O'Hara:

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-06: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the agreement between Austintown Township and the International Association of Firefighters Local #3356, effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-07: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept a \$300.00 donation from Redeemer Lutheran Church in celebration of National Day of Prayer.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-08: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept the resignation of full-time Firefighter Justin Neff as of June 21, 2026.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-09: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept the recommendation from Chief Schertzer to keep Justin Neff on as a part-time Firefighter effective June 21, 2026.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

- Assistant Chief O'Hara stated that they will be posting the maintenance position internally. If the maintenance position is taken internally, then the Fire Department will be hiring two new Firefighters.

Discussion of Austintown Township Website:

In attendance...Trustees Robert Santos, Bruce Shepas, and Monica Deavers, Administrator Mark D'Apolito, Police Chief Valorie Delmont, Assistant Fire Chief Tom O'Hara, Assistant Fiscal Officer Amy O'Brien, Zoning Inspector Dominic Moltchan, Senior Center Director Brittney Koch and Park Foreman Todd Shaffer.

Mark D'Apolito initiated a conversation about Austintown Township's website stating he received four proposals from STG Shumaker Group which offers an Ohio Township website program, Granicus, Inc., Matt Roth and DigiFX.

- Trustee Deavers excused herself during the discussion about Matt Roth.
- Brittney Koch discussed using Wix, the format the Senior Center uses.
- Depending what company is used, the Township may have to assign keeping the website updated to an employee.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-10: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 11:17 am to go into Executive Session to discuss website matters.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes; Mrs. Deavers, excused.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-11: Motion by Mr. Santos at 11:36 am to return from Executive Session.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes; Mrs. Deavers, excused, then asked to return to meeting.

Zoning Matters with Zoning Inspector Dominic Moltchan:

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-12: Motion by Mr. Santos to determine that the below listed properties constitute and are declared a public nuisance pursuant to ORC 505.87:

203 Aldrich Road

Parcel 48-097-0-097.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

South Anderson Avenue – vacant lot

Parcel 48-015-0-112.00-0

Branches stored near the end of driveway, around pine tree;

5045 Argonne Drive

Parcel 48-027-0-151.00-0

High grass, weeds and branches throughout property;

5711 Baylor Avenue

Parcel 48-110-0-290.00-0

High grass, weeds, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner, stagnate water in pool;

3884 Burkey Road

Parcel 48-008-0-012.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in the rear yard;

4135 Burkey Road

Parcel 48-080-0-005.03-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

4355 Burkey Road

Parcel 48-080-0-023.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

4605 Burkey Road

Parcel 48-114-0-035.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

171 North Canfield-Niles Road – vacant
Parcel 48-030-0-015.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

1851 Countryside Drive
Parcel 48-124-0-007.05-0
Unsafe dead tree in need of removal;

4177 Crum Road
Parcel 48-066-0-010.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard, and junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in the rear yard and driveway;

3941 Cumberland Drive
Parcel 48-080-0-141.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

3887 Daytona Drive
Parcel 48-009-0-240.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

38 Dehoff Drive
Parcel 48-065-0-174.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

294 North Edgehill Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-254.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

303 North Edgehill Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-276.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

338 North Edgehill Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-261.00-0
Trash, tires and junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in the side yard and driveway;

345 North Edgehill Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-269.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

3804 Eigen Street
Parcel 48-009-0-123.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

3905 Elmwood Avenue
Parcel 48-009-0-306.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

251 Forest Hill Drive
Parcel 48-009-0-149.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard and by detached garage;

254 Forest Hill Drive
Parcel 48-009-0-162.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

573 North Four Mile Run Road
Parcel 48-066-0-113.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property, and stagnate water in pool;

134 Idlewood Road
Parcel 48-025-0-095.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

3400 Johnson Farm Drive
Parcel 48-112-0-076.00-0
Lawn tractors stored in an exposed manner in side yard by garage;

6061 Kirk Road
Parcel 48-116-0-007.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

6786 Lake Avenue
Parcel 48-056-0-044.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

3710 3720 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-023-0-082.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner on the western side of building;

4213 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-011-0-581.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

4243 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-011-0-586.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

205 South Main Street
Parcel 48-012-0-145.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard;

3845 Oakleigh Street
Parcel 48-010-0-181.00-0
High grass and weeds, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout property, including front porch and driveway;

2373 Oak Trace Drive
Parcel 48-130-0-189.00-0
High grass and weeds, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout property including porch;

2130 Penny Lane
Parcel 48-107-0-207.00-0
High grass and weeds, junk and debris, lawn mower and piles of leaves stored in an exposed manner in front of garage;

234 Rosemont Avenue
Parcel 48-012-0-087.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

4570 Sheffield Drive
Parcel 48-022-0-073.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

2265 Sprucewood Drive
Parcel 48-129-0-073.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

2800 South Turner Road
Parcel 48-079-0-014.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

100 Viall Road
Parcel 48-015-0-011.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

5176 West Webb Road
Parcel 48-041.0-005.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township that the above referenced properties constitute a public nuisance and the property owners are hereby **ORDERED** to abate, control, or remove said nuisances.

If said nuisances are not abated, controlled or provision for abatement, control, or removal is not made within **SEVEN (7) DAYS** or **FOUR (4) DAYS** for a repeat violation within 12 calendar months from the below date of adoption, the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will provide for the abatement, control, or removal, and any expenses incurred-**\$500 minimum**-by the Board of Trustees in performing that task will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-13: Motion by Mr. Santos to find the following motor vehicles meet all of the following criteria: 1) Three model years or older; 2) Apparently inoperable; and 3) extensively damaged, including, but not limited to, any of the following: missing wheels, tires, engine, or transmission and to declare the following vehicles public nuisances under Ohio Revised Code 505.871 and order the removal of the junk vehicles within 14 days after noticed is served to the property owner:

1005 Compass West-An inoperable white Saturn with an expired license plate (KIH 7848) parked in an exposed manner within the North Parking Lot.

904 Compass West-An inoperable gold Buick SUV with an expired license plate (GQB 3662) parked in an exposed manner within the North Parking Lot.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-14: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 11:45 am to recess for lunch.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Santos, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mrs. Deavers, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-15: Motion by Mr. Shepas to return to open session at 12:24 pm.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

New Business with Administrator with Mark D'Apolito:

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-16: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve payment to Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) in the amount of \$201,833.00 for renewal of the Township's liability, property and vehicle insurance.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-17: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the easements on the attached agreement between Appalachian Field Service (contracted by First Energy) and Austintown Township.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

- Mr. D’Apolito had a discussion with the Trustees about the Park and Senior Center levies to be renewed or increased (lose rollback if an increase is requested) for the November 3, 2026 election.

Fiscal/Budget Session with Fiscal Officer Laura Wolfe:

- Administrator Mark D’Apolito reviewed where each department stands with their budget, to date.

Senior Center Matters with Director Brittney Koch:

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-18: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept a \$325.00 donation from Woodlands at Austinwoods.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

- Discussion of member discipline and membership handbook.
- Brittney and the Trustees discussed that there needs to be a search for the shooting class instructor replacement.
- Brittney gave an update on grants the Senior Center is applying for and discussed the financial progress status.
- Brittney stated that the Senior Center “Care Closet” is up and running. The Senior Center staff maintains the closet and retrieves supplies with written requests.
- Forty-seven boxes of food were given out at their food drive. The goal is to collaborate with the Salvation Army and have a monthly food giveaway. This will allow the Senior Center to apply for additional grants.

Park Matters with Park Foreman Todd Shaffer:

- Foreman Todd Shaffer reviewed the estimates for work to be completed on the Austintown Log Cabin. The Austintown Historical Society will bill the Township for one-half of the cost.
- Discussion about partnering with MCSWD on a once-a-year event at the Park called “Pollinator Palooza”. They have grown too big for the facility they were previously using, and looking to start at Austintown Township Park in May of 2027.
- The Pogany Pavilion has no electricity...discovered at rental on May 17, 2026.

Todd tried, but was unable to find issue. The person who rented the pavilion was able to continue with their gathering, but are asking for a refund.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-19: Motion by Mr. Santos to reimburse resident to compensate for lack of power at Pogany Pavilion May 17, 2026 and direct Todd Shaffer to find a contractor to fix the issue.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

- Todd Shaffer was also told to remove the pump at Pogany Pavilion as it has not pumped water for years.
- Park Foreman Todd Shaffer added that he was very happy that the Trustees and Mark D'Apolito offered the Road Department to work overtime with him to get the grass cutting caught up.

Road Department Matters with Road Superintendent Mark D'Apolito:

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-20: Motion by Mr. Santos to authorize Township Administrator Mark D'Apolito to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs and to execute contracts as required.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-21: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve waiving competitive bidding requests as outlined in ORC 505.08 and awarding a contract in the amount of \$78,900.00 to Z-Tech Builders & Excavators, Inc. for the emergency repair of two hundred and twenty feet of storm sewer in danger of eminent collapse threatening two driveways within road right-of-way and causing a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Austintown.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

New Business with Administrator with Mark D'Apolito:

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-22: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve a \$10,000.00 donation, from the Westchester Fund, to Austintown Generational Enrichment (A.G.E.) for the 2026 Fourth-of-July fireworks.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-23: Motion by Mr. Santos at 2:33 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito and Amy O'Brien

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-24: Motion by Mr. Santos at 2:34 am to return from Executive Session.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-05-18-25: Motion by Mr. Santos to adjourn meeting at 2:34 pm.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

Date: June 1, 2026

Amy O'Brien
Amy O'Brien, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Approved:



Robert Santos, Chairperson Board of Trustees