

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, June 1, 2026 at Town Hall, 82 Ohl town Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm with a salute to the flag led by Vice-Chairperson Monica Deavers.

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

Mrs. Deavers introduced the Board Members, Department Heads, and Sergeant of Arms.

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-01: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2026 Public Staff Meeting and May 20, 2026 Special Meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Wallace, 55 North Beverly:

- Yay to new sidewalks
- Yay to new asphalt
- Are there future plans for more sidewalks?
Current work done with CBDG grant funds and the Township concentrated on slabs that were disturbed by trees and tree removal.
- Raw sewage is an issue in the neighborhood – cones are up – when is work going to start?
Ohio EPA and the local Health Department have been notified, and the Township is working to resolve the problem on behalf of the residents.

Rich Pacholeu, 4409 Barrington Drive:

- Cable company made a mess of his yard, but thanked Trustees for their help.

Eugene Connors, 5116 Norquest Boulevard:

- Has seen some improvement, in reference to speeding on Norquest, thanks to the Township Police Department and monitors.

Helana Komsa, 69 South Main Street:

- Helana is interested in managing the Austintown Woodside Community Gardens.

Cheryl Altizer, 4402 Barrington Drive:

- Thanked the Trustees for paving.
- Commented on new screen and recording devices in the Hall.
- Asked about Levy renewals.

Shawn Scott, 3882 Cumberland Drive:

- In reference to paving asked “why did you put a band-aid on it?”. Mr. D’Apolito addressed his questions.
- If a homeowner replaces a curb that a snow plow takes out, will the Township be responsible for payment?

Jim Emler, 3877 Cumberland Drive:

- Had an assessment done and his damage was caused by land movement and ground water.

Andrew Diaz, 3862 Cumberland Drive:

- Same issue as above, water problem is getting worse.

Galen Kolesar, 3887 Cumberland Drive:

- Thanked the Trustees for the paving and stated he is still having water problems. Also stressed that residents should not have to pay for curbs.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- Mr. D’Apolito stated that there are two levies up for renewal.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY

- Mr. D’Apolito said that the paving is completed.
- There are some sidewalk issues and they are being repoured.
- The Boulder Creek issue...there is now a problem with the gas company.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-02: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Memo of Understanding (MOU) with Flock, purchasing six (6) license plate reader units for \$18,000.00 with a three-year contract totaling \$54,000.00. This is the same price Austintown Township was quoted over 6 months ago with a \$3,900.00 discount.

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

- Chief Delmont presented May monthly statistics for the Police Department and Communications Department.

Journal Entry: On May 28, 2026 the Austintown Police Department, in partnership with Ohio BCI, applied for the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Genetic Genealogy Grant for \$24,900.00. If awarded the funding will be used for genetic genealogy testing and research for an Austintown Police Department cold case homicide.

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-03: Motion by Mr. Shepas to allocate 20% of the cost of the Police Chief's salary to dispatch, beginning 1/1/2026. This represents the time Chief Delmont spends monitoring the Dispatch Center. Additionally, it is being done to accurately represent costs to the partner agencies that we dispatch.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Schertzer presented May monthly statistics for the Fire Department.

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-04: Motion by Mr. Shepas to appoint Brandon O'Hara as a Part-Time Lieutenant at Station #3, to adjust Justin Neff's Full-Time resignation date from June 21, 2026 to July 1, 2026, and to adjust Justin's Neff's Part-Time hire date from June 21, 2026 to July 1, 2026.

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

Journal Entry: A grant application has been applied for through Enbridge to help cover the cost of fire equipment.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-05: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the following

nuisance resolution:

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township has determined that the following properties constitute and are declared a public nuisance pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.87:

The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, State of Ohio, meeting on **Monday, Jun 1, 2026**, did adopt the following Resolution:

Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the following nuisance resolution:

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township has determined that the following properties constitute and are declared a public nuisance pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.87:

6695 Abbott Street

Parcel 48-067-0-022.00-0

High grass and weeds rear yard, and construction material throughout property;

3811 Artmar Drive

Parcel 48-008-0-155.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

3843 Burkey Road

Parcel 48-007-0-036.00-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard;

3859 Burkey Road

Parcel 48-007-0-038.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

4605 Burkey Road

Parcel 48-114-0-035.00-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard, and junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in rear yard;

118 Carnegie Avenue

Parcel 48-025-0-559.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

3865 Chaucer Lane

Parcel 48-001-0-278.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

251 North Edgehill Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-287.00-0
Junk and debris throughout property;

3828 Edinburgh Drive
Parcel 48-006-0-169.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard;

3045 Evelyn Road
Parcel 48-074-0-061.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

264 Forest Hill Drive
Parcel 48-009-0-161.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in rear yard;

3695 High Meadow Drive
Parcel 48-112-0-130.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

84 Howard Avenue
Parcel 48-029-0-141.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard;

113 Idlewood Road
Parcel 48-025-0-119.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard, along with dog feces in need of removal;

4303 Kerrybrook Drive
Parcel 48-108-0-337.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

6060 Kirk Road
Parcel 48-116-0-021.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

6785 Lake Avenue
Parcel 48-056-0-042.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

1727 Lancaster Drive
Parcel 48-108-0-271.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property, along with junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in front of garage;

3811 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-010-0-286.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

3924 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-023-0-005.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

4343 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-011-0-598.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner at the curb;

5020 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-027-0-165.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

5625 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-017-0-083.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

3820 Monaca Avenue
Parcel 48-001-0-270.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property, along with junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in front of garage;

212 North Navarre Avenue
Parcel 48-023-0-302.00-0
Shrub located at street causing a site obstruction in need of trimming or removal;

4195 New Road
Parcel 48-108-0-004.33-0
Trash along with junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in rear yard including porch;

4291 Nottingham Avenue
Parcel 48-104-0-160.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

4339 Nottingham Avenue
Parcel 48-104-0-167.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

2691 South Raccoon Road
Parcel 48-074-0-003.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

3542 Rebecca Drive
Parcel 48-112-0-140.00-0
High grass and weeds at the curb;

6686 Smith Street
Parcel 48-056-0-086.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

74 Viall Road
Parcel 48-015-0-016.00-0
High grass and weeds north side of property, along with brush piles in rear yard;

2406 Vollmer Drive
Parcel 48-004-0-213.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

4278 Wedgewood Drive
Parcel 48-108-0-083.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

Victoria Road – vacant parking lot
Parcel 48-126-0-001.05-0
Fallen tree in need of removal laying on Yorktown Lane property;

5760 Yorktown Lane
Parcel 48-096-0-077.00-0
High grass and weeds rear yard;

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.

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

With almost forty properties on the nuisance list, Trustee Shepas asked Zoning Inspector, Dominic Moltchan, to present the “High Grass” procedure.

No Motor Vehicle Nuisances at this time.

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-06: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to acquire the deed for a vacant lot in Fox Chase, Parcel 48-132-0-164.00-0, Lot 15, Austintown, OH.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

- General Foreman Todd Shaffer presented April monthly reports for the Park Department.
- Mr. Shaffer thanked the Road Department for their help with catching up on grass cutting on May 18th & 19th.
- June 20th is “Wild You” a Father’s Day Fishing Event.
- June 26th is “Wild You” Lightning Bug Program.
- Concerts are starting on Tuesdays from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.
- The Splash Pad is open every day 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Journal Entry: Received Historical Places Inventory-Paperwork for Log Cabin.

SENIOR CENTER DEPARTMENT

- Director Brittney Koch presented monthly statistics and programs.

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-07: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) Community Challenge Grant Agreement, in the amount of \$11,000.00 to be used at the Austintown Township Senior Center.

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

FISCAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-08: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to levy a tax for the purpose of maintaining Senior Citizen Services or facilities, to be presented on the November 3rd, 2026 election.

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

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-09: Motion by Mr. Shepas to levy a tax for the purpose of Parks and Recreation, to be presented on the November 3rd, 2026 election.

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

DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-10: Motion by Mr. Shepas to decide on whether to request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority on the TRFO Liquor Permit TO: Om Sri San Marts LLC, The Beverage Depot, 6300 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, OH 44515. Permit #10011523-1: Permit Class C-2. NO OBJECTION.

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

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-11: Motion by Mr. Shepas to decide on whether to request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority on the TRFO Liquor Permit TO: Dolgen Midwest LLC, Dollar General Store 21539, 4385 Kirk Rd, Youngstown, OH 44515. Permit #02234815-749: Permit Class C-1. NO OBJECTION.

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

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-12: Motion by Mr. Shepas to decide on whether to request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority on the TRFO Liquor Permit TO: Mahinder 5516 Inc, 5516 West Webb Rd, Youngstown, OH 44515. Permit #10016540-1: Permit Classes D-1, D-3, D-2, D3A.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-13: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve a Medical Mutual Life Insurance Renewal, with a 30-month expiration at current rates.

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

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-14: Motion by Mr. Shepas to declare the following items surplus, to be sold via internet auction:

2019 Ford Explorer; Police Interceptor
Dept: Police
VIN:1FM5K8AR0KGA31539

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2020 Ford Explorer; Police Interceptor
Dept: Police
VIN: 1FM5K8AB2LGC63435

2020 Ford Explorer; Police Interceptor
Dept: Police
VIN: 1FM5K8AB0LGC63434

2017 Ford Explorer; Police Interceptor
Dept: Police
VIN: 1FM5K8AR5HGC62809

2020 Ford Explorer; Police Interceptor
Dept: Police
VIN: 1FM5K8AB4LGC63436

2013 Ford F-550 Dump Bed and Plow
Dept: Road
VIN: 1FDUF5HT4DFb47860

2008 Ford F-450 Dump Bed
Dept: Road
VIN: 1FDAW46R89EA28382

1988 GMC Top-Kick Dump truck
Dept: Road
VIN: 1GDM7D1YJV529577

1989 GMC Top-Kick Dump truck
Dept: Road
VIN: 1GDM7D1Y5KV518437

1992 GMC Top-Kick Dump truck
Dept: Road
VIN: 1GDM7H1J8NJ524383

2006 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper
Dept: Road
VIN: P4854S

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

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:

- Thanked the Board for their dedication and how “lean” they run.

TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:

- Shout-out to the Austintown Fitch Softball team going to State.
- Steve Ward has been voted the 2026 Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association “Coach of the Year”.
- Talked about “Concerts in the Park”. On June 16th, Leanne Binder will be performing and there will be a “Strawberry Social” sponsored by Austintown Junior Women’s League at 7:00 pm.
- Sunday, June 28th at Hollywood Gaming, doors open at 3:30 pm for “Fun Day” and fireworks.
- The 4th of July Parade starts at noon
- Wished everyone a happy summer.

TRUSTEE ROBERT SANTOS:

- Absent

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-15: Motion by Mr. Shepas to recess to Executive Session at 6:30 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-16: Motion by Mr. Shepas to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:30 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-17: Voted to move Samantha Bell to the Administration Office as Road & Park Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, absent.

RESOLUTION #26-06-01-18: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

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

This is to certify that the foregoing is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board of township trustees at its meeting held on the date listed above.

Date: June 15, 2026



Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer

Approved:



Robert Santos, Chairperson Board of Trustees