

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 6, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, July 6, 2026 at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm with a salute to the flag led by Chairperson Robert Santos.

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

Mr. Santos introduced the Board Members, Department Heads, and Sergeant of Arms.

Special Trustee Statement

Mr. Santos announced that he was resigning as Austintown Township Trustee and has accepted a position with Mahoning County.

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-01: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the resignation of Robert Santos effective at 5:40 pm on July 6, 2026,

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-02: Motion by Mrs. Deavers at 5:45 pm to recess the meeting to congratulate Mr. Santos.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-03: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 6:02 pm to reconvene.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Beaudis, 2604 Barrington Court

- Boulder Creek flooded – please look into the issue.

RESOLUTION #26-06-15-04: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Minutes of the Public Staff Meeting of June 16, 2026.

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

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-05: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the attached MOU with the OPBA, the Dispatch Department Union, regarding part-time employees not being subject to forced overtime.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-06: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the transfer of Emily Yereb from Communications to Administrative Assistant in the Clerical Division. Date of Transfer will be 9/28/2026.

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

- Chief Delmont stated that the 9-1-1 audit was successful.
- Chief Delmont presented June monthly statistics for the Police Department and Communications Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-07: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to:

Accept the resignation of Nate John, effective 7/5/2026 as a Full-Time Firefighter, and accept the recommendation for Chief Schertzer to keep Nate John on as a Part-Time Firefighter effective 7/5/2026.

Accept the hiring Todd Paulsey as Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic, pending the passing of all pre-employment testing.

Accept a donation from Kirt Colkitt for \$50.00.

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

Journal Entry: A grant application was submitted on June 15, 2026 through the FEMA AFG Grant.

Journal Entry: A \$5,500.00 grant has been received from Enbridge to cover the cost of a battery powered ventilation fan.

Journal Entry: A \$1,000.00 grant from OTARMA has been received.

Journal Entry: A \$2,944.00 grant from the Ohio Department of Emergency Management Services has been received.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-08: 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:

3460 Almerinda Drive
Parcel 48-113-0-121.00-0
Dead fallen trees in need of removal;

2542 Amberly Street
Parcel 48-002-0-140.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

137 North Beverly Avenue
Parcel 48-025-0-191.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

3786 Bryant Drive
Parcel 48-005-0-172.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in rear yard, and stagnate water within in-ground pool;

114 Chadwick Lane
Parcel 48-014-0-008.00-0
Above ground pool with stagnate water;

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1080 Collins Street

Parcel 48-008-0-121.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner within side and rear yards, including furniture and fencing;

3860 Eigen Street

Parcel 48-009-0-181.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

3864 Eigen Street

Parcel 48-009-0-180.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

3905 Elmwood Avenue

Parcel 48-009-0-306.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

172 South Kimberly Avenue

Parcel 48-017-0-006.00-0

Junk and debris throughout property;

4021 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-011-0-470.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

4195 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-011-0-222.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property, and bushes causing site obstruction in need of trimming or removal;

4243 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-011-0-586.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

4386 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-011-0-020.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

4740 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-026-0-004.03-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

4777 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-015-0-031.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

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5275 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-065-0-177.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

37 North Main Street

Parcel 48-025-0-532.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in driveway in front of garage;

3794 Monaca Avenue

Parcel 48-001-0-286.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout property, and fence incorrectly installed and needs to be corrected with the finished side facing neighboring properties;

1225 Orkney Street

Parcel 48-080-0-155.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

267 Parkgate Avenue

Parcel 48-012-0-211.00-0

High grass and weeds along the side and rear yards;

93 South Raccoon Road

Parcel 48-011-0-011.00-0

Trash stored in exposed manner in rear yard;

235 North Raccoon Road

Parcel 48-024-0-030.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

5643 Radcliffe Avenue

Parcel 48-110-0-103.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

75 North Roanoke Avenue

Parcel 48-025-0-277.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

4154 Staatz Drive

Parcel 48-104-0-214.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

5110 Willowcrest Drive

Parcel 48-117-0-037.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout property;

5124 Willowcrest Drive

Parcel 48-117-0-036.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner at the curb.

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.

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-09: Motion by Mr. Shepas 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.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

- General Foreman Todd Shaffer presented June monthly reports for the Park Department.
- Mr. Shaffer thanked "Wild You" for their programs at the Park.
- Austintown Junior Women's League was thanked for the red, white and blue flowers at the Park.
- Concerts are on Tuesdays from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.
- Reminder to everyone that fishing at the pond is catch and release.

SENIOR CENTER DEPARTMENT

- Director Brittney Koch presented monthly statistics.
- The Senior Center will be having a picnic at Austintown Park on July 21st.

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-10: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept the resignation of Linda Beilby, effective August 31, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-11: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to Accept the Direction Home Grant Agreement worth \$50,000.00.

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

FISCAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-12: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the June reports.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-13: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to repay the Advance to General Fund (1000) from Permanent Improvements (4301) totaling \$1,153,969.44.

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

ADMINISTRATION/ROAD DEPARTMENT

Administrator Mark D'Apolito commented on the storm yesterday, and the ongoing clean-up efforts.

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-14: Motion by Mrs. Deavers that due to the storms, which occurred of July 5th, 2026, the Austintown Township Trustees are declaring an emergency to provide for emergency work within the Township's departments, and to seek any available state or federal funding.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-15: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve Trenton's Lawncare & Snowplowing to provide services on an hourly basis as follows; 1 skid steer & driver at \$250.00 per hour, 1 dump truck with chipper, 1 laborer and driver at \$350.00 per hour, and 1 additional dump truck with driver at \$165.00 per hour. This quote is not to exceed \$10,000.00. Also approving Phil's Grasshoppers Lawn and Landscaping grapple hook and 3-4 employees at

\$6,000.00/day, not to exceed \$12,000.00. This is for the emergency removal of storm debris.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-16: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the MOU between Austintown Township and Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Union Clerical Unit), regarding wage progression for new hires. This authorizes the Township Administrator to execute said agreement.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-17: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Resolution to Proceed with the Submission to the Electors of the Question of Levying a Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation (Senior Center Levy Renewal).

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-18: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to pay Paul Sosnowski, retired Vac Truck Operator, for 4.5 hours of assistance on July 5, 2026, as an independent contractor. He will be paid at the rate of \$29.63 per hour, for 4.5 hours.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-19: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Resolution to Proceed with the Submission to the Electors of the Question of Levying a Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation (Park Levy Renewal).

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-20: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Township Administrator to execute the OPWC Project Grant agreement for the Kimberly, Paisley, Timberidge, etc. street resurfacing project.

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

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:

- Asked that everyone be patient with storm clean-up issues.

TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:

- Thanked AGE for the fireworks and 4th of July party.
- Said the 4th of July parade was a great event and thanked Matthew Roth for facilitating the parade.
- Appreciated the community coming together, after the July 5th storm, to help their neighbors.

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-21: Motion by Mr. Shepas to recess to Executive Session at 6:39 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-22: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:22 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-23: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept a bench donation at the Park.

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

RESOLUTION #26-07-06-24: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

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

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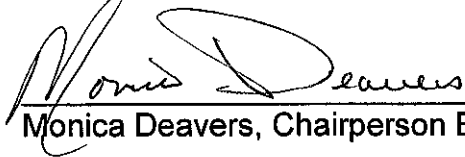
This is to certify that the foregoing is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board of township trustees at its meeting held on the date listed above.

Date: 07/20/2026



Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer

Approved:



Monica Deavers, Chairperson Board of Trustees