

# AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO  
82 OHLTOWN ROAD  
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

## REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, February 2, 2026 at the Austintown Senior Center, 112 Westchester Drive, 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: Mrs. Deavers, present; Mr. Santos, present; and Mr. Shepas, present.

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

Mahoning County Engineer, Patrick Ginnetti, conducted a presentation on the Sales Tax Renewal.

Administrator/Road Superintendent Mark D'Apolito lead the opening of sealed bids for the Charlestown, Yorktown, Country Green, etc. street resurfacing OPWC #CF14AB.

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-01:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Minutes of the Public Staff Meeting of January 26, 2026.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this time.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Mr. D'Apolito has nothing new at this time.

### **DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY**

- Mr. D'Apolito announced the renewals for the Road Levies have been filed.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Chief Delmont presented monthly statistics for January for the Police Department.

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-02:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to continue the K-9 program (Officer Bradley McFadden and K-9 Eras) utilizing the funds that were donated in 2025 for associated expenses, and to continue the program thereafter utilizing the Police Fund.

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

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-03:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the 2025 inventory for all four Fire Stations.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-04:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the 2025 Fire Year-End Report.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-05:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept the resignation letter of Probationary Part-Time Firefighter Leslie Horvath effective January 14, 2026.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-06:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Austintown Fire Department to participate in a State of Ohio First Responder Drone Program.

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

### ZONING DEPARTMENT

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-07:** Motion by Mr. Santos 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:

338 North Edgehill Avenue

Parcel 48-024-0-261.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in the front yard near curb;

4328 Nottingham Avenue

Parcel 48-104-0-086.00-0

Storage containers stored in an exposed manner in the front driveway.

**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: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Santos, yes; and Mr. Shepas, yes.

### PARK DEPARTMENT

- Todd Shaffer announced that 250 Christmas trees were collected for the successful recycling program.

### SENIOR CENTER DEPARTMENT

- Director Brittney Koch announced there will be an Open House on February 13, 2026 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-08:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept a \$5,000.00 grant check awarded to the Austintown Senior Center from the Community

Foundation of the Mahoning Valley's General Grant, and a \$5,000.00 grant check awarded to the Senior Center from the Western Reserve Health Foundation.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-09:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept the donated cost for a wall mural, from the Austintown Junior Women's League. The mural was created and installed by Austintown Local School's Art Department.

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

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-10:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept January Reports submitted to the Board for review:

- a. Fund Status
- b. Revenue Status
- c. Appropriation Status
- d. Payment Listing over \$10,000.00
  - i. ROAD:
    - \$49,634.61 – Morton Salt  
Resolution #24-09-09-05
  
    - \$70,917.00 – Greenwood Chevrolet  
Road replacement truck.  
Resolution #25-05-12-08
  - ii. FIRE:
    - \$30,628.71 – Richard Milliron – Severance  
Resolution #25-11-10-11
- e. Requisitions for Board Approval – None

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

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-11:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve an Advance from the General Fund (1000) to:

\$10,000.00 to Maintenance (6001)

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-12:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve a \$10,000.00 donation to Austintown Generational Enrichment (A.G.E). for the 2026 Fourth-of-July fireworks; to be paid from the Westchester Fund.

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

## **REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS**

### **TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:**

- February 6<sup>th</sup> is National “Wear Red Day” for awareness of heart disease.

### **TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:**

- Commended the Road Department for their hard work during, and after, the recent heavy snowfall.

**TRUSTEE ROBERT SANTOS:** Nothing to add.

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-13:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to recess to Executive Session at 6:35 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-14:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:15 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-02-02-15:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

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

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: 02-23-26

  
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Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer

Approved:

  
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Robert Santos, Chairperson Board of Trustees