

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

PUBLIC STAFF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026

The Public Staff Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, February 23, 2026, at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 9:30 am with a salute to the flag led by Vice-Chairperson Monica Deavers.

Roll Call was as follows: Mrs. Deavers, present; Mr. Shepas, present; and Mr. Santos, Absent – arrived 9:51 am.

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 #26-02-23-01: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 2, 2026 and Special Meeting of February 9, 2026.

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

Police Matters with Chief Valorie Delmont:

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-02: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the attached Police Department Inventory List.

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-03: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the attached Police Department "Property for Removal from Inventory" list.

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-04: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the purchase of a fingerprinting machine from ID Networks totaling \$10,095.00. The one used by the Police Department is obsolete.

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-05: Motion by Mr. Shepas to go into Executive Session to discuss Police CBA Matters at 9:45 am. Also present were Administrator Mark D'Apolito, Chief Valorie Delmont, and Assistant Fiscal Officer Amy O'Brien

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, absent. Mr. Santos arrived at 9:51 am.

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-06: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to return from Executive Session at 10:50 am and giving Administrator Mark D'Apolito and Chief Delmont permission to make an offer to the FOP.

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

Fire Matters with Chief Dave Schertzer:

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-07: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the CBA agreement between the Austintown Township and the Part-Time Firefighter's International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 377 for the period January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029.

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

Senior Center Matters with Director Brittney Koch:

- Discussion about the Lease for the Classroom Elite and Debbie Caggiano's obligation to the Senior Center.

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-08: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Westchester Lease for The Classroom Elite and Debbie Caggiano's obligations to the Senior Center as outlined in Paragraph 8, bottom of page 2. As part of this arrangement for services, Austintown Senior Center will be responsible for costs related to the 1,122 sq. ft. of space – the fitness studio with the mirrors.

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-09: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept a \$650.00 donation from The Woodlands.

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

Park Matters with Administrator/Road Superintendent Mark D’Apolito & Todd Shaffer:

- Discussion about Easter events at the Park. A “Bunny Hop” will be held at the Park on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. It will be held in the parking lot adjacent to Stacey Pavilion.
- The Stacey Pavilion upgrades and Capital Budget request was discussed.

Zoning Matters with Zoning Inspector Dominic Moltchan:

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-10: Motion by Mr. Santos to determine that the below listed properties constitute and are declared a public nuisance pursuant to ORC 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: Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-11: 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:

1069 Compass West-An inoperable and unlicensed silver Chrysler mini-van parked in an exposed manner at the property;

1069 Compass West-An inoperable Blue Dodge truck with an expired license plate (KJN 6768) parked in an exposed manner within the North Parking Lot;

1069 Compass West-An inoperable brown GMC truck with an expired license plate (KKE 7797) parked in an exposed manner within the North Parking Lot;

990 Compass West-An inoperable black Ford Explorer with no plate parked in an exposed manner within the South Parking Lot.

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-12: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 11:40 am to recess for lunch to attend the ribbon cutting at the new Long John Silver's Restaurant.

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-13: Motion by Mr. Shepas to return to open session at 1:00 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-14: Motion by Mr. Shepas to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 1:00 pm. Also present were Administrator Mark D'Apolito and Assistant Fiscal Officer Amy O'Brien

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-15: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to return from Executive Session at 1:17 pm.

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

OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL with Administrator Mark D'Apolito:

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-16: Motion by Mrs. Deavers not to request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority on the TRFO Liquor Permit to SER ENTERPRISES INC, Lou's Beer and Wine; 2975 S. Canfield-Niles Rd. Youngstown, OH 44515. Permit No. 07982300-5. Permit Classes: C1, C-2. From Keith R. Dinunzio 2975 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Unit A, 1st FL; Youngstown, OH 44515. Permit No. 02180846-1. Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

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

Budget Session with Administrator Mark D’Apolito and Assistant Fiscal Officer Amy O’Brien:

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-17: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve Advances from the General Fund (1000) to:

\$70,000.00 to Fire (2111)
\$10,000.00 to Maintenance (6001)
\$150,000.00 to Communications (6002)

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-18: Motion by Mr. Santos pursuant to ORC 321.34 to request Advances from 2026 Real Property Collections for the 2025 tax year – 1st Half and 2nd Half Real Estate Taxes from Mahoning County Auditor.

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 #26-02-23-19: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to trade-in the former Zoning Vehicle, 2019 Chevy Cruze, 1G1BE5SM3K7135936, for an amount not less than \$8,000.00 towards the purchase of the new maintenance truck.

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-20: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevy Silverado 2500HD Work Truck from Greenwood Chevrolet and to authorize the Township Administrator to execute all paperwork necessary to complete purchase.

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-21: Motion by Mr. Santos to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 2:09 pm. Also present were Administrator Mark D’Apolito and Assistant Fiscal Officer Amy O’Brien

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-22: Motion by Mrs. Santos to return from Executive Session at 3:00 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #26-02-23-23: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn meeting at 3:25 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: 3/2/2026

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

Approved:

Robert Santos
Robert Santos, Chairperson Board of Trustees