

# AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO  
82 OHLTOWN ROAD  
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

## PUBLIC STAFF MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2026

The Public Staff Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, March 16, 2026, at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown 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 #26-03-16-01:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 2, 2026.

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

- Resident, Mike Beaudis, met with the Board of Trustees and Administrator Mark D'Apolito to discuss maintaining the Greenbrier entrance.

### **Police & Communication Matters with Chief Valorie Delmont:**

- Chief Delmont discussed the Police Department's desire to change the Collective Bargaining Agreement "Certification Bonus" being to an "Incentive" or being rolled into the yearly Longevity so that it can be considered pensionable.

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-02:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to hire Kaitlin Arnold as a Dispatcher effective 03/23/26, having passed her pre-employment screenings, with a starting rate of pay equal to the second step in the Collective Bargaining Agreement based on her experience and training.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-03:** Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the Memorandum of Understanding from Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Dispatch Unit, upon their request, regarding the scheduling of forced rotation.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-04:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the yearly inventory report submitted by Chief Delmont.

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

**Fire Matters with Chief Dave Schertzer:**

- Discussion with Chief Schertzer regarding the Part-Time Fire Collective Bargaining Agreement. The renewal date on the CBA is changing to end on March 31<sup>st</sup> instead of December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Chief Schertzer stated that negotiations on the Full-Time Fire Collective Bargaining Agreement will begin this Wednesday.
- Chief Schertzer updated the Trustees on the Phoenix House:
  - Chief Schertzer, Administrator Mark D'Apolito Fire Inspector Thomas Neff and Zoning Inspector Dominic Moltchan spoke with the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office and were told that the Phoenix House Explosion did not meet the threshold of damage for the Township to recoup funds for the time spent at the site.
  - The insurance company is delaying the ability to clean-up at Phoenix House.
  - If anyone has concerns about property being illegally removed from the Phoenix House, call 9-1-1 when you are witnessing the incident.

**Park Matters with Park Foreman Todd Shaffer:**

- The Trustees, Administrator Mark D'Apolito, and Park Foreman Todd Shaffer discussed the damage being done by semi-trucks at Veteran's Park and possible resolutions.
- Todd Shaffer stated the tennis nets were put up on March 9<sup>th</sup> so that the Austintown Fitch Boy's Tennis Team can use the courts for practice and matches. The pickleball nets should be up by April 1<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting.

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-05:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve payment for the removal of two trees that were in imminent danger of falling on the Park Shop Building.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-06:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve hiring William Spalding as Summer Labor at the Park effective May 26, 2026, after passing pre-employment screenings, with a \$13.00/hour rate-of-pay.

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

**Road Department Matters with Road Superintendent Mark D’Apolito:**

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-07:** Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the Road Department Inventory for 2025.

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

- Mr. D’Apolito discussed the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) with the Trustees.
- Mr. D’Apolito mentioned that he is looking into taking core samples of asphalt that was laid in 2025 to have it analyzed to determine if it met the contract stipulations.

**Zoning Matters with Zoning Inspector Dominic Moltchan:**

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-08:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to determine that the below listed properties constitute and are declared a public nuisance pursuant to ORC 505.87:

2437 Amberly Street  
Parcel 48-004-0-142.00-0  
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in driveway and open carport;

2502 Amberly Street  
Parcel 48-004-0-127.00-0  
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in front of garage;

2508 Amberly Street  
Parcel 48-004-0-126.00-0  
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in open carport;

2542 Amberly Street  
Parcel 48-002-0-140.00-0  
Fallen siding and gutter on north side of dwelling and garage;

5657 Baylor Avenue  
Parcel 48-110-0-281.00-0  
Fallen siding on southeast side of dwelling and in front yard;

608 Wyndcliff Circle

Parcel 48-058-0-055.00-0

Fallen dead tree leaning on another tree in rear yard;

6006 Yorktown Lane

Parcel 48-126-0-039.00-0

Fallen soffit, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in front 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.

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

**New Business with Administrator with Mark D’Apolito:**

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-09:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept \$40,000.00 from the NOPEC-Early Access Member Community Benefit – to be deposited into the General Fund.

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

**Administrator’s Report with Mark D’Apolito:**

- Mr. D’Apolito presented three proposals he received for to set-up video conferencing at the Administration Building.

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-10:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the proposal from Buck i Technology Solutions, LLC to set-up video Conferencing at the Austintown Township Administration Building.

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

- Mr. D’Apolito stated that he will be emailing the Department Heads, directing them to let employees know to not let Township vehicles idle with oil/gas prices increasing.

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-11:** Motion by Mr. Shepas at 12:00 pm to recess for lunch.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-12:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to return to open session at 12:30 pm.

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

**Fiscal/Budget Session with Fiscal Officer Laura Wolfe:**

- Fiscal Officer Laura Wolfe reviewed the Permanent Appropriations with the Trustees and Mark D'Apolito.

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-13:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the 2026 Permanent Appropriations as presented by Fiscal Officer Laura Wolfe.

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

- Ballot Proofs have been received and approved for Road Renewal Levies.

**Senior Center Matters with Director Brittney Koch:**

- Director Brittney Koch stated that there are 1,094 Active Memberships at the Austintown Senior Center.
- The garden at the Senior Center is being redone.
- Director Koch said that the dishwasher continues to malfunction and she is having issues finding someone to repair it. Mrs. Deavers will be letting Brittney know the name and phone number of the company she has used.

Chief Valorie Delmont returned to Township Hall after reviewing changes to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 126. Chief Delmont reviewed the changes with the Trustees and Administrator Mark D'Apolito.

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-14:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Austintown Township and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 126 effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-03-16-15:** Motion by Mr. Santos to adjourn meeting at 2:08 pm.

Mrs. Deavers 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: 4/6/2026

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

Approved:

[Signature]  
Robert Santos, Chairperson Board of Trustees