

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, March 2, 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: Mrs. Deavers, present; Mr. Santos, present; and Mr. Shepas, present.

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

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-01: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2026 Public Staff Meeting.

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

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-02: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the hiring of three new Police Officers, Drew C. Smith, Justin R. Whitaker and Katlyn M. Klasic, effective March 2, 2026, having passed their pre-employment screenings.

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

Oath of Office given to the new Police Officers by Fiscal Officer, Laurie Wolfe.

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-03: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept \$5,000.00 donations presented to both the Police Department and Fire Department by Eagles #3298 representative Ron Haefke.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cheryl Altizer, 4402 Barrington:

- There will be a Kite Festival Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 12:00pm-3:00pm at the Stacey Pavilion in Austintown Township Park. It will include a Basket Raffle and 50/50 Raffle with the proceeds to benefit “Noah’s Lost Ark Animal Rescue”.

Steve Terlecki, 5600 Cider Mill Crossing:

- Please consider Cider Mill Crossing for paving.
- Had someone pushing for electric supplier information in the neighborhood.
- Why is gas forty cents cheaper in Niles.
- Commended Todd Shaffer for work done at Township Park in the severe weather.

Mike Beaudis, 2604 Barrington Court:

- Residents in Greenbriar, donations are needed to maintain the entrance gardens and he is looking for someone to take over the project. Please contact Mike if interested (330) 398-7240.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

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

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-04: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the Pelican NP Sweeper (NP43458) as a *Warranty Exchange* for the Pelican NP Sweeper (NP43015) purchased last year and has not worked properly after the first month and to remove said sweeper from Road inventory and add the new sweeper received 2/27/2026. The sweeper will be tested on April 1, 2026.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Schertzer presented February monthly statistics for the Fire Department.
- Chief Schertzer said that a training rescue class is being offered at Yeager

Pond in Austintown Township Park.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-05: 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:

3647 Monaca Avenue
Parcel 48-001-083.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in the driveway;

4321 Nottingham Avenue
Parcel 48-104-0-164.00-0
Couch stored at the curb in an exposed manner;

4255 Woodmere Drive
Parcel 48-095-0-070.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in the rear yard behind the west side of the garage.

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.

Zoning Inspector, Dominic Moltchan, advised residents to call the Zoning Department or non-emergency number for the Police Department if there is a concern with door-to-door solicitation.

PARK DEPARTMENT

- General Foreman Todd Shaffer stated that the tennis courts are open.

- Mr. Shaffer also thanked Mr. Fisher's class from Austintown Fitch High School for the bench and table donations.

SENIOR CENTER DEPARTMENT

- Director Brittney Koch announced that the car trips are starting soon.
- The Senior Center is adding three new classes.

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-06: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept a \$325.00 donation from The Woodlands.

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

FISCAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-07: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept February 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:

\$14,375.13 – Morton Salt
Resolution #24-09-09-05

\$70,917.00 – Greenwood Chevrolet
Road replacement truck.
Resolution #25-05-12-08

- ii. FIRE:

\$82,181.56 – TSI (Truck Specialists, Inc.)
Resolution #25-11-17-07

- iii. WESTCHESTER

\$10,000.00 – Austintown Generational Enrichment
#26-02-02-12

- 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 #26-03-02-08: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve an Advance

from the General Fund (1000) to:

\$30,000.00 to Zoning (2181)
\$1,150,000.00 to Permanent Improvement (4301)

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

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-09: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve an increase in Temporary Appropriations in:

Maintenance (6001) by \$60,000.00
Fire (2111) by \$325,000.00
Permanent Improvements (4301) by \$1,150,000.00

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

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-10: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve Transfers to:

Communications Equipment (4901) \$69,362.50

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-11: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the 2026 budget for the Austintown-Boardman-Mahoning County Joint Communications District COG as per attached.

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

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-12: Motion by Mr. Shepas to discontinue funding for ACTV effective immediately.

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 DEEVERS:

- Mentioned Dinner & a Movie “Sister Act” to support Austintown Fitch Drama.

- The Easter Bunny Hop will be held March 28, 2026 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm at Austintown Township Park.

TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:

- Talked about the training he attended in Columbus
- Thanked ACTV for their 40+ years of service.

TRUSTEE ROBERT SANTOS:

- Capital Budget Funding Time – more competitive funding.

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-13: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to recess to Executive Session at 6:30 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-14: Motion by Mr. Shepas to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:15 pm.


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

RESOLUTION #26-03-02-15: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 9:30 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: 3/16/2026



Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer

Approved:



Robert Santos, Chairperson Board of Trustees