

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

PUBLIC STAFF MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2026

The Public Staff Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, April 20, 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 #26-04-20-01: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2026.

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

- Resident, Mike Beaudis, spoke with the Board of Trustees and Administrator Mark D'Apolito to let them know that the "Mall Fund Greenbrier" is ready to turn over their funds to the Township asking who the check, covering the remainder of the funds, should be made out to. Let Mr. Beaudis know "Austintown Township".

Park Matters with Park Foreman Todd Shaffer:

- Mr. Shaffer discussed the Quotes he received, from USA Specialists and O'Neill Concrete, for sidewalk replacement at the Westchester building.

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-02: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the replacement of selective slabs of sidewalk at the Westchester building, adding a drain and replacing several drains, by O'Neill Concrete, not to exceed \$16,500.00.

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

Senior Center Matters with Director Brittney Koch:

- Brittney shared that a NOPEC Electric Q & A session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at the Senior Center, 112 Westchester Drive, at 6:00 pm. NOPEC will be on site to answer resident questions.
- Eighteen new members joined the Senior Center in less than 2 weeks.
- Thirty-four vendors are scheduled for the Health Fair that is scheduled from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm on Friday, April 24, 2026.
- Mark Cole and Brian Gladysz have generously offered to donate the food for lunch at the Health Fair.
- The “Senior Care Closet” is being filled with donated items for personal hygiene and home necessities.
- Brittney stated that she is in the process of completing an application for the Mahoning County Senior Levy through Direction Home in which the Senior Center could be awarded a \$137,000.00 grant.

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-03: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the following procedure for Senior Center donations:

- Step 1: Donation will be receipted in the cash register at Senior Center.
- Step 2: The Fiscal Office will deposit the funds.
- Step 3: The donation will be approved & accepted at the next regularly scheduled Trustee Meeting.
- Step 4: If Trustees do not approve/accept a donation, the Fiscal Office will return the donation within two weeks.

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 had a discussion with the Trustees about Chief Delmont’s request to increase Appropriations in Fund 2271.

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-04: Motion by Mr. Santos to increase Fund 2271 (Enforcement and Education) Appropriations \$2,000.00 and decrease 2081 (Police) by the same amount.

Mr. Shepas 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 #26-04-20-05: Motion by Mr. Santos to increase the Road Cut Permit from \$250.00 to \$2,500.00.

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-06: Motion by Mr. Santos to award the Charlestown, Yorktown, Country Green, etc. Street Resurfacing Project to Lindy Paving, Inc. as the best and lowest bid.

Mrs. Deavers 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 #26-04-20-07: Motion by Mr. Santos to move K.O. Consultants expenses to the General Fund from the Westchester Fund.

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-08: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Austintown Township Trustees and the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association regarding a 2026 summer intern being hired to work in the Administration Office.

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-09: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the resignation letter of Teresa Schanz, Administrative Assistant in the Administration Office, with her last day of work being April 30, 2026.

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-10: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the Remnant Settlement regarding the Opioid Crisis – as per attached.

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-11: Motion by Mr. Santos at 11:04 am to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D’Apolito and Amy O’Brien

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-12: Motion by Mr. Santos at 11:24 am to return from Executive Session.

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-13: Motion by Mr. Santos at 11:53 am to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito and Amy O'Brien

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-14: Motion by Mr. Santos at 12:08 pm to return from Executive Session.

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

Zoning Matters with Zoning Inspector Dominic Moltchan:

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-15: Motion by Mr. Santos to determine that the below listed properties constitute and are declared a public nuisance pursuant to ORC

3191 Allendale Avenue
Parcel 48-002-0-019.00-0
Down trees in creek blocking natural flow of water in need of removal;

3460 Almerinda Drive
Parcel 48-113-0-121.00-0
High grass and weeds and branches throughout the property;

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

Barkley Street – vacant lot
Parcel 48-029-0-095.00-0
Bushes in right-of-way causing a site obstruction;

118 Carnegie Avenue
Parcel 48-025-0-559.00-0
Trash stored in an exposed manner at the curb;

488 South Edgehill Avenue

Parcel 48-095-0-179.00-0

Trash stored in an exposed manner on the driveway;

495 South Edgehill Avenue

Parcel 48-095-280.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner on the driveway;

499 499.5 South Edgehill Avenue

Parcel 48-095-0-252.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner on the driveway;

172 South Kimberly Avenue

Parcel 48-017-0-006.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property, and a downed tree in the rear yard, in need of removal;

136 Kleber Avenue

Parcel 48-027-0-083.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

129 North Navarre Avenue

Parcel 48-023-0-239.00-0

Trash stored in an exposed manner on driveway in front of garage;

140 North Navarre Avenue

Parcel 48-023-0-289.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

3715 Nottingham Avenue

Parcel 48-005-0-026.00-0

Larges branches throughout the property;

2206 Penny Lane

Parcel 48-130-0-104.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner on the driveway;

2500 Redgate Lane

Parcel 48-004-0-097.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

2534 Redgate Lane

Parcel 48-004-0-092.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

43 South Roanoke Avenue
Parcel 48-011-0-143.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

3396 Sandalwood Court
Parcel 48-003-0-047.00-0
Trash at the curb stored in an exposed manner;

3325 Starwick Drive
Parcel 48-069-0-031.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

236 Third Street
Parcel 48-009-0-124.00-0
Downed tree in rear yard in need of removal;

4339 Timberbrook Drive
Parcel 48-003-0-171.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout the property.

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

- Resident Mike Beaudis returned to Township Hall and presented the Trustees with two checks, one from Mall Fund Greenbrier totaling \$5.00 and one from Rhea and Walter Terlecky totaling \$387.44, explaining that the "Mall Fund Greenbrier" account has been closed and they are turning the property over to the Township.

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-16: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept a donation from "Mall Fund Greenbrier" in the amount of \$5.00 and \$387.44 from Rhea and Walter Terlecky, presented by Committee Member Mike Beaudis, to be used for the hardscaping of the Greenbrier island.

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

Fire Matters with Chief Dave Schertzer:

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-17: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept \$100 donation from Tequila Jalisco for the 2026 Drone program.

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

- The Trustees, Chief Dave Schertzer and Mark D'Apolito had a discussion regarding the maintenance position grievance with Austintown IAFF Board Members John Ragan, Tom Metzinger and Sam Lucurell.

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-18: Motion by Mr. Santos at 1:07 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito, Chief Schertzer and Amy O'Brien

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-19: Motion by Mr. Santos at 1:25 pm to return from Executive Session.

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-20: Motion by Mr. Santos at 1:25 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito, Chief Schertzer and Amy O'Brien

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-21: Motion by Mr. Santos at 1:45 pm to return from Executive Session.

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

- Administrator Mark D'Apolito offered to resolve the grievance by offering a Tentative Agreement to the Full-Time Firefighters that the maintenance position will be posted to Part-Time, following the Step Program as outlined in the Full-Time Firefighter's Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Chief Schertzer asked the union representatives if they would cut the grass at the fire stations and was told "no" by President John Ragan who said he will present it to the collective on Thursday.

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-22: Motion by Mr. Santos at 1:59 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito, Chief Schertzer and Amy O'Brien

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

The Executive Session was interrupted by resident Alan Zugay who stopped and asked about manholes on Oakwood. Robert Santos explained to him that AT&T messed up the manholes and Mahoning County (who is responsible for the covers) is pursuing litigation against AT&T through the Prosecutor's Office to get them to correct the issue. Austintown Township can do nothing.

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-23: Motion by Mr. Santos at 2:25 pm to return from Executive Session.

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

RESOLUTION #26-04-20-24: Motion by Mr. Santos the accept the proposal from Ellsworth Twp. to purchase Fire vehicle #901, as is, for \$6,000.00.

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

- Chief Schertzer discussed purchasing Astral 8 software from a company working out of the Youngstown Incubator, which will replace several different platforms that the Fire Department now uses.
- Chief Schertzer talked about adding up to 4 more Part-Time Firefighters to the roster to replace recent retirements and resignations.

RESOLUTION #26--04-20-25: Motion by Mr. Santos to adjourn meeting at 2:40 pm.

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

Date: May 4, 2026

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

Approved:

Robert Santos
Robert Santos, Chairperson Board of Trustees