

# AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO  
82 OHLTOWN ROAD  
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

## REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 4, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, May 4, 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.

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-01:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2026 Public Staff Meeting.

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

Presentation of Proclamations were given to Safety Services that responded to the Phoenix House Explosion.

Presentation of a Proclamation were given to Austintown Fitch High School Teacher Mr. James Fisher & students from the Skilled Trades Class for their work on picnic tables & benches that were donated to Austintown Township Park.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Heather Frank is Running for 58<sup>th</sup> District State Representative.

Galen Kolesar, 3887 Cumberland Drive:

- Asking Trustees to drill down to the core in the road to see what the issue is...he believes there is a natural spring causing road issues and is looking for a permanent fix to correct the issue in the middle of the road.

Katie Guzzo, 3919 Potomac Avenue:

- 9-1-1 Memorial Park clean-up is May 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am.
- The construction of the museum at the 9-1-1 Park is set to start soon. Want to extend thanks to Tracy Caglic, S&G Concrete, Gulu Electric/union, and Alpine Structures.

Mike Beaudis, 2604 Barrington Court:

- Having water run-off issues...down spouts are running to the backyards and not properly connected. 2595 Birchwood has also been abandoned and is adding to the problems.

Chris Zelonish, 5832 Yorktown Lane:

- Commended the Austintown Fire Department for their quick response to an apartment fire.

Dennis Hagman, 4756 Pine Trace:

- Speaking for his sister Martha Reddinger, who lives at the Pine Trace address, and the issue she is having with surface water and a grading issue in her backyard.

Eugene Connors, 5116 Norquest Boulevard:

- The noise/traffic on Norquest has increased and motorcycles are racing down the road.

Harvey Crowley, 1019 Ohltown Road:

- Recognized the same two motorcycles.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Mr. D'Apolito stated that First Energy Solutions are to increase their delivery fee.
- OTARMA is issuing a fifteen percent (15%) increase.
- Zodiac Lounge has forfeited their liquor permit.

## **DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY**

- Mr. D'Apolito stated that the Township had received a CDBG sidewalk grant for Wickliffe tree removal and slab replacement.
- Resurfacing project is scheduled to start next week.
- Mr. D'Apolito shared that the sinkhole in Boulder Creek is to be addressed.
- Mr. D'Apolito said that in reference to the N. Yorkshire raw sewage issue, the Ohio EPA is going to address it as a "private" issue.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Chief Delmont presented April monthly statistics for the Police Department and Communications Department.
- Chief Delmont mentioned the DEA Drug Take-Back Program.
- Thanked the Austintown Fitch Boys Soccer Team for their help landscaping around the Police Department building.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-02:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept an anonymous donation of \$600.00 for the Safe Haven Baby Box

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

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-03:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept a donation of \$350.00 in gift cards to be used for food at the Fire Department.

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

## **ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-04:** 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:

The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, State of Ohio, meeting on **Monday, May 4, 2026**, did adopt the following Resolution:

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:

2476 Amberly Street  
Parcel 48-004-0-129.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

3942 Artmar Drive  
Parcel 48-008-0-130.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

4405 Aspen Drive  
Parcel 48-109-0-002.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

2463 Bainbridge Street  
Parcel 48-004-0-080.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

2714 Bainbridge Street  
Parcel 48-004-0-059.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

2821 Bainbridge Street  
Parcel 48-002-0-193.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

2922 Bainbridge Street  
Parcel 48-002-0-169.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

5711 Baylor Avenue  
Parcel 48-110-0-290.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

137 North Beverly Avenue  
Parcel 48-025-0-191.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

181 North Beverly Avenue  
Parcel 48-025-0-172.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

3717 Burkey Road  
Parcel 48-007-0-028.00-0  
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;

3908 Burkey Road  
Parcel 48-008-0-010.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

521 Collins Street

Parcel 48-009-0-229.00-0

High grass and weeds and junk, stored in an exposed manner at the curb;

1080 Collins Street

Parcel 48-008-0-121.00-0

High grass and weeds in the side and rear yards near the driveway;

263 North Edgehill Avenue

Parcel 48-024-0-285.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

32 South Edgehill Avenue

Parcel 48-011-0-299.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

216 South Edgehill Avenue

Parcel 48-012-0-226.00-0

Junk and debris, including a couch and mattress, stored in an exposed manner at the curb;

257 South Edgehill Avenue

Parcel 48-012-0-239.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

3804 Eigen Street

Parcel 48-009-0-123.00-0

High grass and weeds, along with junk and debris, stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;

44 Evans Avenue

Parcel 48-027-0-194.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

2693 Evelyn Road

Parcel 48-074-0-052.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

4556 Fitzgerald Avenue

Parcel 48-075-0-115.00-0

Unsafe deck and above ground pool in need of repair or removal, along with junk and debris including a canvas carport, stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;

3770 3772 Frederick Street

Parcel 48-009-0-078.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;

35 Hood Street

Parcel 48-048-0-035.00-0

High grass and weeds, along with junk and debris, stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;

39 Hood Street

Parcel 48-048-0-033.00-0

High grass and weeds, along with junk and debris, stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;

4303 Kerrybrook Drive

Parcel 48-108-0-337.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

4241 Kirk Road

Parcel 48-003-0-130.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

5529 London Drive

Parcel 48-017-0-092.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

4195 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-011-0-222.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

4777 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-015-0-031.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

5192 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-028-0-102.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

84 South Main Street

Parcel 48-011-0-445.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

South Meridian Road – vacant lot

Parcel 48-008-0-102.00-0

Trees fallen in stream obstructing water flow;

3832 New Road  
Parcel 48-007-0-218.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

4301 New Road  
Parcel 48-108-0-122.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

4970 New Road  
Parcel 48-076-0-001.06-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

4980 New Road  
Parcel 48-076.0-001.04-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

5045 New Road  
Parcel 48-107-0-265.00-0  
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;

531 Notre Dame Road  
Parcel 48-110-0-248.00-0  
High grass and weeds within rear yard;

731 Notre Dame Road  
Parcel 48-110-0-093.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

20 Ohltown Road  
Parcel 48-028-0-040.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

117 Ohltown Road  
Parcel 48-029-0-053.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

169 Ohltown Road  
Parcel 48-030-0-107.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property, along with mulch material;

1310 Orkney Street  
Parcel 48-080-0-060.00-0  
High grass and weeds throughout the property;

1342 Orkney Street

Parcel 48-080-0-059.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property, along with a fallen tree, and fencing along property in need of repair or removal;

711 South Raccoon Road

Parcel 48-012-0-016.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

4290 Selkirk Avenue

Parcel 48-108-0-227.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;

4154 Staatz Drive

Parcel 48-104-0-214.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout the property;

1851 South Turner Road

Parcel 48-094-0-028.00-0

Down trees stored in an exposed manner throughout 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.

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

#### **PARK DEPARTMENT**

- General Foreman Todd Shaffer presented April monthly reports for the Park Department.
- Mr. Shaffer stated the Splash Pad will open the Friday before Memorial Day weekend.
- Concerts in the Park start Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm.

## SENIOR CENTER DEPARTMENT

- Jessica Ricker, representing the department in Director Koch's absence, stated the centers first Health Fair was a success.
- Jessica stated that a member survey presented various statistics.

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-05:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept a \$325.00 donation from The Woodlands at Austinwoods, to be used to sponsor Trivia and birthday parties.

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

## FISCAL OFFICER

- Fiscal Officer Laura Wolfe presented April monthly statistics for the Township.

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-06:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept April Reports submitted to the Board for review:

- a. Fund Status
- b. Revenue Status
- c. Appropriation Status
- d. Payment Listing over \$10,000.00

i. **PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT:**

\$1,151,538.20  
Shelly & Sands, Inc.  
2025 Road Resurfacing

ii. **POLICE:**

\$57,888.04  
Hall Public Safety Company

- e. Requisitions for Board Approval

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

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-07:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to increase appropriation to 4301 (Permanent Improvement) in the amount of \$1,428,911.40 for 2026 road paving.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-08:** Motion by Mr. Santos to donate \$5,000.00 to the Mahoning Valley First Responder Wellness Center from Opioids Funds (2908).

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

#### **DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL**

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-09:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to decide on whether to request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority on the TRFO Liquor Permit TO: Om Sri San Marts LLC, The Beverage Depot, 6300 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, OH 44515. Permit #10011523-1: Permit Class C-2. FROM Mahoning Valley Beverage Depot LLC, 6300 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, OH 44515. Permit # 05435352-1. NO OBJECTION.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-10:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to move the May 18, 2026 Public Staff Meeting to the Stacey Pavilion as Police Department training is being held in the Town Hall.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-11:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to hire Reghan Koch as a part-time office Intern, with a start date of 5/27/2026, and a pay-rate of \$12.25 per hour.

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

#### **REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS**

##### **TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:**

- Thanked the Austintown Library for letting the Township host Storybook Trail at the Pogany Pavilion.
- Wished mothers a very Happy Mother's Day
- Encouraged everyone to please vote.

**TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:**

- Thanked Todd Shaffer for work at Austintown Park saying he enjoyed the Kite Festival.

**TRUSTEE ROBERT SANTOS:**

- Said to please vote – let your voice be heard.
- Stated he is reaching out to Ohio Edison to remove poles – asking for their standards to hold them accountable.

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-12:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to recess to Executive Session at 7:02 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-13:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION #26-05-04-14:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 8:00 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: May 18, 2026

  
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Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer

Approved:

  
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Robert Santos, Chairperson Board of Trustees