

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, August 3, 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 Monica Deavers.

Roll Call was as follows: Mr. Shepas, present, Mrs. Deavers, present.

Mrs. Deavers introduced the Board Members, Department Heads, and Sergeant of Arms.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andy Pazillo, 2960 Spring Meadow Circle - Commended Road Department on the storm clean-up.

Dennis Hagman, sister lives on Pine Trace – Talked about drainage in the rear yard. Stated Austintown Township did work there and Boardman Township ran a line to the manhole in the rear of the property.

Cheryl Altizer, 4402 Barrington Drive – Appreciated storm clean-up. Asked about dispensary, which was addressed by Trustee Bruce Shepas.

Bob Marshall representing the Eagles – Stated that the Austintown Fire Department was looking to get funds for a special fan for firefighting that cost \$5,500.00, and the Eagles would like to make a donation to the department to cover the cost to purchase the fan.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-01: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Minutes of the Public Staff Meeting of July 20, 2026.

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

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-02: Motion by Mr. Shepas to appoint Jaime M. Ciccone to the Board of Austintown Township Trustees to fill the term vacated by Mr. Robert J. Santos.

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

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-03: Motion by Mrs. Deavers at 6:00 pm to recess to congratulate Trustee Ciccone

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

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-04: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to reconvene from the recess at 6:10 pm.

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

The meeting reconvened with a Roll Call as follows: Mr. Shepas, present; Mrs. Deavers, present; Ms. Ciccone, present.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-05: Motion by Mr. Shepas to appoint Trustee Monica Deavers as Chairperson of the Austintown Township Trustees.

Ms. Ciccone seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-06: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to appoint Trustee Bruce Shepas as Vice Chairperson of the Austintown Township Trustees.

Ms. Ciccone seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Valorie Delmont presented the July 2026 statistics for the Police Department and Communications Department.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-07: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve retirement of Officer Jeff Toth from the Retired Reserve Program.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-08: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the hiring of Baylee Waugaman as a Part-Time Dispatcher effective August 05, 2026 with a \$21.85 per hour starting rate of pay for her merit and prior years of experience as a full-time dispatcher based on Article 17, Section 1-3 of the C.B.A.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

Journal Entry: An application for the Department of Justice COPS Hiring Grant 2026 was submitted in the amount of \$375,000.00 to assist in the cost of hiring three new Officers. This would cover a portion of these three Officers' salaries over the next three years.

Journal Entry: An application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2026 was submitted in the amount of \$42,386.55 to replace the department Tasers. This would cover the contract for the first year with the plan to do a continuation grant for the following year(s) for additional funding.

Journal Entry: An application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2026 was submitted in the amount of \$25,447.60 to replace the 911 dispatch computers and monitors.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Schertzer presented July monthly statistics for the Fire Department.
- Chief Schertzer updated everyone regarding the installation of the Baby Box.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-09: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to:

Accept the resignation of Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Mike McNally effective July 29, 2026.

Accept the resignation of Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Jennifer Arendas effective August 2, 2026.

Accept the \$5,500.00 donation from the Eagles for the purchase of a special fan for firefighting.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-10: Motion by Mrs. Shepas 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:

175 Aldrich Road
Parcel 48-065-0-119.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in rear yard, next to garage;

2508 Amberly Street
Parcel 48-065-0-119.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard along open ditch;

2516 Amberly Street
Parcel 48-004-0-125.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard along open ditch;

1235 Bexley Drive
Parcel 48-118-0-053.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

5425 Clarkins Drive
Parcel 48-042-0-062.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner along north east side of property, along with mattresses and a couch near a dumpster;

56 North Edgehill Avenue
Parcel 48-025-0-301.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property, along with junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in front of garage;

7467 Kirk Road
Parcel 48-103-0-007.01-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in rear yard;

4109 Lanterman Road
Parcel 48-038-0-047.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner, along with broken windows which Township Emergency secured the building;

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4195 New Road

Parcel 48-108-0-004.33-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in rear yard, along with raw trash on rear porch;

4455 New Road

Parcel 48-070-0-015.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

4732 New Road

Parcel 48-076-0-218.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in front yard and in front of garage;

2373 Oak Trace Street

Parcel 48-130-0-189.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property, along with broken garage door in need of repair;

1310 Orkney Street

Parcel 48-080-0-060.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

1342 Orkney Street

Parcel 48-080-0-059.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property;

267 Parkgate Avenue

Parcel 48-012-0-211.00-0

High grass and weeds throughout property, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout property, along with bushes obstructing public walkway in need of trimming or removal;

5555 Patriot Blvd

Parcel 48-050-0-006.02-0

Furniture stored in an exposed manner in the north east parking lot;

2220 Penny Lane

Parcel 48-130-0-103.00-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard, along with junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in front yard and in front of garage;

2509 Redgate Lane

Parcel 48-004-0-117.00-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard along open ditch;

2515 Redgate Lane
Parcel 48-004-0-118.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard along open ditch;

2534 Redgate Lane
Parcel 48-004-0-092.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

2541 Redgate Lane
Parcel 48-002-0-133.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

5280 Seventy-Six Drive
Parcel 48-090-0-003.02-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

4570 Sheffield Drive
Parcel 48-022-0-073.00-0
High grass and weeds throughout property;

4191 Staatz Drive
Parcel 48-104-0-245.00-0
High grass and weeds 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. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

- Zoning Inspector Dominic Moltchan stated there are no motor vehicles public nuisances to add to the Minutes at this time.
- **RESOLUTION #26-08-03-11:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to determine the following public walkways constitute a public nuisance pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5543.10. (Sidewalks)

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township has determined that

the following property constitutes a pedestrian trip and fall nuisance pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5543.10:

146 North Main Street
Parcel 48-025-0-479.00-0
Public walkway in need of repair;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township that the above properties constitute a pedestrian trip and fall nuisance, and the property owners of record are hereby **ORDERED** to abate said nuisance by repairing or replacing the damaged sections of side walk.

If said nuisances are not abated, controlled or provision for its abatement, control, or removal is not made within TEN (10) DAYS, the BOARD OF TRUSTEES will provide for the abatement, control, or removal, and any expenses incurred by the Board 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. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

PARK DEPARTMENT

- General Foreman Todd Shaffer presented July monthly reports for the Park Department.
- Mr. Shaffer mentioned the July 19th Austintown Super Car Show went well.
- The Summer Concert Series is continuing through August on Tuesdays from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.
- “Worship without Walls”, an all-day event, will be held at the Park August 16th.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-12: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept the donation of one park bench from the Austintown Lions Club.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

SENIOR CENTER DEPARTMENT

- Director Brittney Koch presented monthly statistics.
- The Telehealth Room is up and running.

Journal Entry: Senior Center applied for a \$52,000.00 Youngstown Foundation Grant to improve the kitchen.

FISCAL OFFICER

- Fiscal Officer Laura Wolfe presented July statistics.
- Mrs. Wolfe shared the email from Mahoning County Auditor's Office regarding the delay in advances.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-13: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve increases in advances from General (1000) as follow:

Fire (2111)	\$335,000.00 – Advance from General
Park (2171)	\$26,000.00 – Advance from General

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

ADMINISTRATION/ROAD DEPARTMENT

- Administrator Mark D'Apolito commented that Road projects are coming to an end for the time being, but he is hopeful for an EMA reimbursement so that they can be started up again.
- Mr. D'Apolito thanked the Administration Clerical staff, Road Department and Safety Services for help with the storm clean-up.
- Mr. D'Apolito also thanked the Fairgrounds along with ODOT who brought in chipper/shredders.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-14: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to hire Olivia Yendrek as an Administrative Assistant stationed at Township Hall, working as a floater.

Mr. Shepas seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-15: Motion by Mr. Shepas to table appointing someone to the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Advisory Council pursuant to and in accordance with ORC §6115.104 (A).

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

Journal Entry: Letter of Understanding on off-site parking of a government vehicle.

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:

- Thanked Department Heads for their continued administration

- Thanked the Road Department working on the storm clean-up.
- Thanked the other Board Members saying he is excited to be working with Jamie.

TRUSTEE JAMIE CICCONE:

- She is excited to be working for the residents of Austintown.
- Stated she is eager to listen and learn.

TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:

- Stated that she looks forward to working with Bruce and Jamie
- Thanked all 13 residents who applied to fill the vacant Trustee opening.
- She enjoyed the Community 250 Event.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-16: Motion by Mr. Shepas to recess to Executive Session at 6:44 pm.

Ms. Ciccone seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-17: Motion by Mr. Shepas to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:38 pm.

Ms. Ciccone seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

- Mr. D'Apolito stated that the Park and Senior Center Levy Renewals have been filed.

RESOLUTION #26-08-03-18: Motion by Ms. Ciccone to reduce the cost of road cuts to \$1,000.00 from \$2,500.00.

Mrs. Deavers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

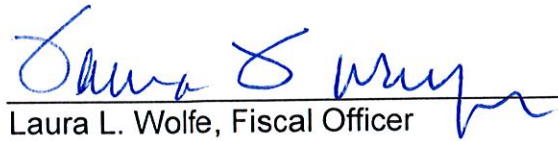
RESOLUTION #26-08-03-19: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 9:41 pm.

Ms. Ciccone seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Ms. Ciccone, yes.

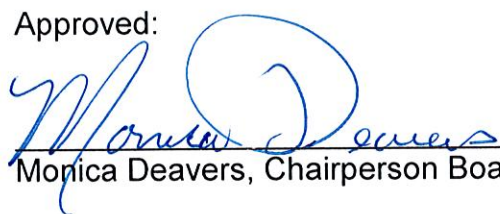
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This is to certify that the foregoing is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board of township trustees at its meeting held on the date listed above.

Date: August 17, 2026



Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer

Approved: 

Monica Deavers, Chairperson Board of Trustees