

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

PUBLIC STAFF MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2026

The Public Staff Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, January 26, 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: Mrs. Deavers, present; Mr. Shepas, present; and Mr. Santos, 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 #26-01-26-01: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of December 1, 2025, and January 5, 2026; Public Staff Meeting of December 22, 2025; and Special Meetings of December 15, 2025, December 31, 2025 and January 20, 2026.

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

Police Matters with Chief Valorie Delmont and Administrator Mark D'Apolito:

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-02: Motion by Mr. Santos to ratify the MOU with the OPBA regarding Calling Out Partial vs Full Shifts.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-03: Motion by Mr. Santos to authorize the spending of \$11,995.00 for training and equipment provided by NITV Federal Services, LLC.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-04: Motion by Mr. Shepas to go into Executive Session to

discuss Police CBA Matters at 9:42 am. Also present were Administrator Mark D'Apolito, Chief Valorie Delmont, and Assistant Fiscal Officer Amy O'Brien

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-05: Motion by Mr. Shepas to return from executive session at 10:51 am.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-06: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to return from executive session at 11:18 am.

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

Senior Center Matters with Director Brittney Koch:

- Director Brittney Koch discussed the OASC Conference and Accreditations with the Trustees. Director Koch also requested that Jessica Ricker attend the Conference with her this year and the Trustees agreed to her request.
- Director Koch presented the Trustees with photos of Senior Center items that are no longer used at the center and have no significant value.

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-07: Motion by Mr. Shepas Pursuant to ORC 505.10 to find the attached list of surplus items of property, are not needed for public use, are obsolete, or are unfit for the use for which they were acquired and the fair market value is less than \$2,500.00 so that the property shall be sold by online auction.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-08: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Rental Price List presented by Director Koch for the Lisa Oles Room at the Senior Center.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-09: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve a payment, a final and full settlement, totaling \$750.00 (10 hours at \$75.00/hour union wage for a painter) to Restore Paint & Renovate for partial work performed to date at the Senior Center.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-10: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Daxko (software and service provider) Proposal.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-11: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the proposal and subsequent invoice from Five Star Remodeling in the amount of \$2,850.00 for work that was done at the Senior Center.

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

Road Matters with Administrator/Road Superintendent Mark D’Apolito:

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-12: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the Engineering Services Proposal from Thomas Fok and Associates, Inc. for the OPWC – Kimberly, Paisley, Timberidge, Etc. Resurfacing for the sum of \$8,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-13: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the ODOT 2025 Township Highway System Mileage Certification.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-14: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the notice of the 2025 Annual Bridge Inspection Results for the Mahoning County Engineer.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-15: Motion by Mr. Shepas to amend Res. #24-07-15-16 from a 2025 Chevy 3500 HD to a 2026 Chevy 3500 HD.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-16: Motion by Mr. Shepas to proceed with the submission of the question of the tax to the electors of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, pursuant to ORC 5705.19(G), for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$12 for each

\$100,000, for a period of five years, commencing with the tax year 2026, first due in calendar year 2027, and which levy is a RENEWAL of an existing levy.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-17: Motion by Mr. Shepas to proceed with the submission of the question of the tax to the electors of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, pursuant to ORC 5705.19(G), for the purpose of resurfacing and repair of roads, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$21 for each \$100,000, for a period of five years, commencing with the tax year 2026, first due in calendar year 2027, and which levy is a RENEWAL of an existing levy.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-18: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Change Order on the Wickliffe, Nottingham, Woodhurst, Etc. Street Resurfacing project in the amount of \$105,801.05 and to approve the final payment for same project. Reimbursement to be sought from the Mahoning County ¼% sales tax monies and the OPWC.

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 #26-01-26-19: Motion by Mr. Santos to determine that the below listed properties constitute and are declared a public nuisance pursuant to ORC 505.87:

3924 Artmar Avenue
Parcel 48-008-0-133.00-0
Barrels stored in an exposed manner in the front yard;

3921 Potomac Avenue
Parcel 48-010-0-225.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in the driveway, behind the dwelling and on rear porch;

5458 West Rockwell Road
Parcel 48-030-0-022.00-0
Junk, trash and debris stored in an exposed manner in front yard, at the curb and on driveway in front of 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: Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-20: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the minutes for Amendments 2022-01-Z and 2023-02-Z.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-21: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 13, 2024, initiating Amendment 2024-01-Z-Cannabis

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-22: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 12:10 pm to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters and the compensation of a public employee or official. Also in attendance were Administrator Mark D'Apolito and Assistant Fiscal Officer Amy O'Brien.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-23: Motion by Mr. Shepas to return from executive session at 12:49 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-24: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept the Employment Agreement presented by Zoning Director Dominic Moltchan.

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

Park Matters with Administrator/Road Superintendent Mark D’Apolito:

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-25: Motion by Mr. Santos to open the Parks Restrooms, on a trial basis, effective April 15th, 2026. The Park Department shall be responsible for closing the bathrooms when events with an anticipated attendance of greater than 300 people are scheduled. If another entity is responsible for the event, the entity sponsoring the event is responsible for rental of the appropriate number of Port-a-Johns.

Mr. Shepas 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 #26-01-26-26: Motion by Mr. Santos to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District.

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

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-27: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept the donation from Austintown Generational Enrichment in the amount of \$13,787.75 for the Senior Center.

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

OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL with Administrator Mark D’Apolito:

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-28: Motion by Mrs. Deavers not to request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority on the TRFL Liquor Permit to Nick DaDhaba, Inc.; 5516 West Webb Rd., Austintown, OH 44515. Permit # 06381741-2; Permit Classes D-3, D-1, D-2 From Nick DaDhaba, Inc., Nick DaDhaba; 870 N Canfield Niles Rd., Austintown, OH 44515. Permit #06381741-1

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

Budget Session with Administrator Mark D’Apolito:

- Discussion regarding paying off a Fire Department Pumper Truck that has a balance due of approximately \$318,000.00 to save overall on the interest charges.
- Discussion that N.O.P.E.C. can reduce electric rates for Township facilities.

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-29: Motion by Mr. Santos to authorize Administrator Mark D'Apolito to go into a 1-3-year agreement with N.O.P.E.C. to reduce the Township facilities electric rates, not to exceed \$9.33/kwh.

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

- Discussion regarding the amount of money the Township pays ACTV every year and additional options to lower costs.

RESOLUTION #26-01-26-30: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn meeting at 2:30 pm.

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

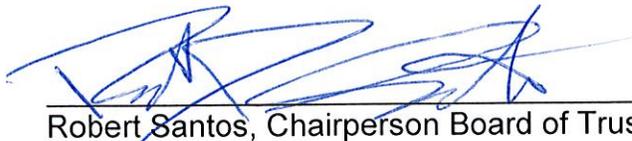
This is to certify that the foregoing is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board of township trustees at its meeting held on the date listed above.

Date: 02/02 / 2026



Amy O'Brien, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Approved:



Robert Santos, Chairperson Board of Trustees