

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 3, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, March 3, 2025 at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 5:30 P.M. with a salute to the flag led by Chairperson Bruce Shepas.

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

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

Fiscal Officer, Laura Wolfe gave the Oath of Office to Valorie Delmont Austintown Township's new Chief of Police.

A brief recess was taken for picture taking.

Ms. Anna DeAscentis spoke on Fair Housing in the community and that Austintown was awarded a CDBG grant for the sidewalk project in Wickliffe Circle.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Austintown Eagles:

Gave a \$5,000.00 donation to both the Fire and Police Departments

John Russo; Pembroke Rd.

Street sign needs replaced @ Raccoon Rd.

Can you require businesses to put trash cans outside their businesses?

Addressed by Zoning

Lola Simmons; 5346 W. Webb Rd

Questions regarding transient vendor permits

Addressed by Zoning

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Cemetery clean-up will begin March 15th; any items not approved, worn/faded; or out of season will be removed;
- The Township electric aggregation rate will renew in the upcoming month:

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-01: Motion by Mr. Shepas to authorize the township Administrator to execute any and all necessary agreements to proceed with the electrical aggregation program utilizing our broker Independent Energy Consultants.

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

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY

The bids for the OPWC – Wickliffe, Nottingham, Woodhurst, etc. Street Resurfacing project were opened and read. Bids will be turned over to our Engineer for processing. Project will be awarded at a later date.

With the Mahoning County Commissioners ¼% sales tax program, the township is expecting to pave 6 miles of road this year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-02: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township and Valorie Delmont.

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

Chief Delmont noted the Department will have a 'Drug Take Back' on April 26th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-03: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the hiring of Mike McNally as a Part-Time Firefighter conditional on the passing of his pre-employment testing.

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

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-04: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the hiring of

Leslie (Les) Horvath as a Part-Time Firefighter conditional on the passing of his pre-employment testing.

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

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-05: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept resignation letter of Part-Time Firefighter/EMT Daryl Devine effective February 28, 2025.

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

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-06: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the following:

RESOLUTION

The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, State of Ohio, meeting on **Monday, March 3, 2025**, did adopt the following 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:

30 North Kimberly Avenue

Parcel 48-028-0-022.00-0

Miscellaneous items, junk, and debris stored in an exposed manner in the westerly rear yard of the lot;

3850 Monaca Avenue

Parcel 48-001-0-267.00-0

Fallen tree within the front yard in need of removal;

5018-5030 Winthrop Drive

Parcel 48-076-0-228.00-0

Miscellaneous items, junk, debris near front curb including overflowing trash cans and a mattress stored in exposed manner within the driveway;

409 Wyndclift Place

Parcel 48-058-0-069.00-0

Miscellaneous items, junk, debris, and litter stored in an exposed manner within the front porch, driveway, and front yard;

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

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-07: Motion by Mr. Santos to find the following motor vehicles meet all of the following criteria: 1) Three model years or older; 2) Apparently inoperable; and 3) extensively damaged, including, but not limited to, any of the following: missing wheels, tires, engine, or transmission and to declare the following vehicles public nuisances under Ohio Revised Code 505.871 and order the removal of the junk vehicles within 14 days after noticed is served to the property owner:

4689 Woodhurst Drive, Unit 1 - An inoperable 2008 Mazda with an expired temporary tag (S715587) and a flat tire parked in an exposed manner within the parking lot at the southside of the street.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

Park supervisor, Todd Shaffer noted that Saturday was the 1st Disc Golf tournament of the year.

Mr. Shaffer reminded residents that all dogs must be kept on a leash unless they are in the dog park.

SENIOR CENTER

Director, Jim Henshaw announced the Senior Center has achieved accreditation from the Ohio Association of Senior Centers; being 8 out of 500 to achieve this status.

Mr. Henshaw asks the Board for speed bumps in the parking lot as there has been several 'close calls' between the cars and buses.

FISCAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-08: Motion by Mr. Santos to Accept February Reports submitted to Board for Review;

- a. Fund Status
- b. Revenue Status
- c. Appropriation Status
- d. Payment Listing over \$10,000.00
 - i. POLICE:
Allen Phillips \$19,787.17 – Severance
Resolution #25-01-06-03
 - ii. ROAD:
Morton Salt \$14,164.54
Morton Salt \$15,048.81
Resolution #24-09-09-05
- e. Requisitions for Board Approval
 - i. FIRE:
Fallsway Equipment Co. \$11,576.33
Collision Repair #181 - Fire only has to
Pay \$1,000.00 deductible

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

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-09: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve Advances from the General Fund (1000) to:

\$100,000.00 to Communications (6002)

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-10: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to appoint two Candidates to the Mahoning County's Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC), to attend the annual meeting being held Thursday, March 13, 2025 @ 2:00 pm at a location to be determined. Bruce Shepas and Monica Deavers were appointed.

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

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:

- Congratulated Chief Delmont
- Congratulated the Fitch Girls Wrestling Team

TRUSTEE ROBERT SANTOS:

- Congratulated Chief Delmont
- Congratulated the Fitch Girls Wrestling Team
- Ohio celebrated its 222nd birthday in March (3/1/1803)
- HB 96 – trying to take money away

TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:

- Congratulations to AF Cheerleaders for winning State
- Congratulated AJWL for 'A Taste of Austintown'
- Congratulated Chief Delmont

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-11: Motion by Mr. Santos to recess to Executive Sessions at 6:45 P.M.

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

RESOLUTION #25-03-03-12: Motion by Mr. Santos to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:05 P.M.

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


RESOLUTION #25-03-03-13: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 9:06 P.M.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, 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: 5/5/25


Fiscal Officer

Approved.


Chairperson Board of Trustees