

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, April 7, 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.

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-01: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 16, 2025; the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2025; Special Meetings of February 13, & February 14, 2025 and the Public Staff Meeting of February 24, 2025.

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

Presentation of Proclamations to the Fitch Girl's Wrestling Team.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Mashika; 3942 Artmar Dr.
Presented the Trustees with three questions

Gene Connors; 5116 Norquest
Asked question to be presented to Anna DeAscentis; could they stay for questions

Nico Morgione; YO-Warren Regional Chamber
Director of Government Affairs

David Mellott; 2895 Penny Lane
Use of license plate cameras – daughter's car was impounded – Austintown

needs to review policy
Issue with the roundabout

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Winter Report - Talked about the 2024 – 2025 salt contract; purchased 2,220 tons of salt, costing over \$106,000.00.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-02: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the updates to the Austintown TWP Work Within Right of Way permit process.

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

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-03: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2025.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Delmont presented monthly statistics

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-04: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept resignation notice from Police Officer Patrick L. Flara with his last day of work being March 22, 2025. Patrick L. Flara has accepted another position with an outside Police Dept. agency. Accordingly, the township will sell him his duty bulletproof vest at a pro-rated rate based upon the original purchase price and the remaining life of the vest.

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

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-05: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the 2025 budget for the Austintown-Boardman-Mahoning County Joint Communications District COG as per attached.

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

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-06: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept the check in the amount of \$335,228.63 from the Mahoning County Auditor's office for a one-time transfer for Dispatching Services.

Mr. Shepas spoke on the initiative taken to get additional money.

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

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-07: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve an MOU for the Communications Dept. to allow member of said unit to donate sick time to another employee who has exhausted their leave time.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Schertzer presented call statistics for the month of March.

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-08: Motion by Mr. Santos to authorize the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and the Township Administrator to enter into a real estate purchase contract and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate all documents to purchase approximately 1 acre within the Austintown Township at a purchase price not to exceed \$32,500.00. This property is to be used for Fire Dept. purposes.

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

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-09: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve quote from D & R Garage Doors for 3 replacement doors at the Wickliffe Circle Station in the amount of \$11,634.00 plus a 10% contingency. Doors are the original doors and are being repaired frequently.

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

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-10: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the following:

RESOLUTION

The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, State of Ohio, meeting on **Monday, April 7, 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:

5077 Birchcrest Avenue
Parcel 48-097-0-011.00-0

Miscellaneous items, junk, debris and fallen tree branches stored in an exposed manner throughout the property. A fallen tree on the roof at the front northeast corner of the dwelling and a fallen tree at the southwest corner of the dwelling both in need of removal;

1400 North Canfield-Niles Road
Parcel 49-044-0-027.01-0

Storage trailer stored in an exposed manner with in the westerly rear parking lot in need of removal;

142 Fair Meadow Drive
Parcel 48-096-0-174.00-0

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

403 Southward Drive
Parcel 48-095-0-193.00-0

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

4508 Warwick Drive South
Parcel 48-112-0-172.00-0

Tree branches stored in an exposed manner within the front, and side yards;

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 #25-04-07-11: 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:

1737 South Raccoon Road - An inoperable white Ford Expedition with an expired tag (GQS 1735) and a flat tire parked in an exposed manner within the parking lot nearest South Raccoon Road;

1400 North Canfield-Niles Road - An inoperable and dismantled Ford F-250 pick-up truck with an attached snow plow atop an inoperable flat-bed trailer (License Plate 8 C2KZ) parked in an exposed manner within the rear parking lot;

1400 North Canfield-Niles Road - An inoperable grey Volkswagen Jetta with an expired license plate (GPE 7913) parked in an exposed manner within the rear parking lot;

1400 North Canfield-Niles Road - An inoperable and unlicensed red Chevrolet Silverado parked in an exposed manner atop a flat-bed trailer within the rear parking lot;

1400 North Canfield-Niles Road - An inoperable silver Chevrolet HHR license plate 047 C2KZ parked in an exposed manner within the rear parking lot;

1400 North Canfield-Niles Road - An inoperable silver Ford Fusion license plate 033 C2KZ parked in an exposed manner within the rear parking lot;

1400 North Canfield-Niles Road - An inoperable and unlicensed gray Ford Ranger pick-up truck parked in an exposed manner within the rear parking lot; and

1400 North Canfield-Niles Road - An inoperable black Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck license plate 039 C2KZ parked in an exposed manner within the rear parking lot.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

Park Supervisor, Todd Shaffer reminded residents the speed limit at the Park is 15 mph. Also stated the Pickleball, Tennis, and Volleyball nets are now up.

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-12: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the property

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

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-15: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve Transfer(s) from the General Fund (1000) to:

\$68,500.00 to Communication Equipment (4901)

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

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:

- Congratulated Girls' Wrestling Team
- The Easter Trunk Hop will be held Saturday 4/12/25 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Twp Park
- Thanked everyone in attendance at the meetings
- There will be an Artesian Spring Market on Saturday 4/12/25 from 11 - 3

TRUSTEE ROBERT SANTOS:

- Commended the Girls' Wrestling Team
- Will be going to Columbus as a follow up on the Dispensary Funds – State is attempting to keep funds at their level
- Thanked State-Level candidates who are fighting for us

TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:

- Congratulated Girls' Wrestling Team
- April 14th at the Eastwood Mall, the State Winning Cheerleaders will be recognized
- Commented on VOTING project at Austintown Fitch – mock election for education
- Wished everyone Happy Easter!

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-16: Motion by Mr. Santos to recess to Executive Sessions at 6:35 P.M.

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

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-17: Motion by Mr. Santos to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:50 P.M.

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

RESOLUTION #25-04-07-18: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 8:52 P.M.

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

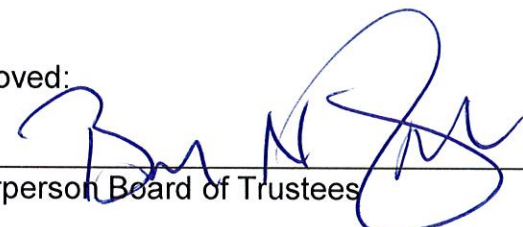
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This is to certify that the foregoing is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board of township trustees at its meeting held on the date listed above.

Date: 6/2/25



Fiscal Officer

Approved: 

Chairperson Board of Trustees