

# AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO  
82 OHLTOWN ROAD  
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

## PUBLIC STAFF MEETING OF MAY 12, 2025

The Public Staff Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, May 12, 2025, at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 9:33 A.M. with a salute to the flag led by Chairperson Bruce Shepas.

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

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-01:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to appoint Mark D'Apolito as Fiscal Officer Pro Tem in the absence of Laura L. Wolfe.

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

Harold Porter presented some suggestions and collaboration ideas to the Board.

- Take time to stamp down hot patch with roller – don't just throw a shovel-full down and move on
- Ambulance services – wages are increasing; need to hire 18 – 21 additional persons; Medicare & Medicaid re-imbursement fees are being reduced
- "Ideas to Saving" – plan for employees
- Put some street lights at major intersections (Victoria) on timers; 10 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. – flashing yellow
- Shared services – benefits with the school – go to a consortium
- School will split the cost to repair the tennis courts at the Park since the school's tennis team uses the courts regularly

### **Park Matters:**

Lawn service only for Westchester – considering out sourcing.

After discussing at length, Park was directed to mow Westchester once a week during April thru June and then every other week for months of July thru October.

Splash Pad: Discussion on the large water bills the Park is getting for the operation of the Splash Pad. Decision was made to reduce the hours of operation of the Splash

Pad.

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-02:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to reduce the hours of operation of the Splash Pad to: Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; from Noon to 7 p.m. due the increase in the water bill.

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

Discussion on having a Community Event with “Hitting the Highway with Hanna”.

**Police Matters:**

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-03:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the retirement letter of Lt. Bill Hoelzel effective May 31, 2025.

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

**Road Matters:**

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-04:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to hire Jackson Potkonicky for the Road Summer Work Program 2025 at the 2024 rate.

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

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-05:** Motion by Mr. Santos to only cut the perimeter – right of way of the Woodside and Davis lots, allowing them return to a natural habitat.

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

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-06:** Motion by Mr. Santos to take a 5-minute recess at 11:30 a.m.

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

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-07:** Motion by Mr. Santos to return to open session at 11:36 a.m.

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

Discussion on the removal of the Lanterman Rd Bridge. The township cannot afford



to bring it up to code at this time, therefore the Trustees were advised that ODOT will go forward with the removal of the bridge.

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-08:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to authorize the Township Administrator or the Chairperson of the Board to purchase a truck to replace Road Dept. truck #25 that has become inoperative in an amount not to exceed \$75,100.00.

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

**Ohio Liquor Control Division:**

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-09:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to NOT request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority on a NEW permit for Vice & Virtue Juice Bar, LLC, DBA Vice & Virtue Juice Bar; 40 S Meridian Rd., Austintown TWP, Youngstown, OH 44509. Permit No. 9265510; Permit Class(es) D2, D3, D3A.  
No objections from Police or Zoning

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

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-10:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to NOT request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority on the TRFO permit from Pete & Charlies, Inc. & Patio; 4176 Mahoning Ave., Austintown TWP, Youngstown, Ohio 44515. Permit No. 6839592; Permit Class(es) D5, D6 to Koewacich Transport, Inc. DBA Merigold III & Patio, 4176 Mahoning Ave., Austintown TWP, Youngstown, Ohio 44515. Permit No. 4754176; Permit Class(es) D5, D6.  
No objections from Police or Zoning

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

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-11:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to NOT request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority on the TRFO permit from Cedar Petroleum, LLC, 1704 S Raccoon Rd., Austintown TWP, Austintown, OH 44515. Permit No. 13504130010; Permit Class(es) C1, C2 to New Road Gas, Inc., 1704 S Raccoon Rd, Austintown TWP, Austintown, OH 44515. Permit No. 6368299; Permit Class(es) C1, C2.  
No objections from Police or Zoning

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

**Zoning Matters:**

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-12:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the following nuisance resolution:

## RESOLUTION

The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, State of Ohio, meeting on **Monday, May 12, 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:

115-117 Atlanta Avenue  
Parcel 48-027-0-131.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner within the front yard near the garage;

126 Benton Avenue  
Parcel 48-027-0-123.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

3786 Bryant Drive  
Parcel 48-005-0-172.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

4365 Burkey Road  
Parcel 48-080-0-024.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

3908 Burkey Road  
Parcel 48-008-0-010.00-0  
High grass and weeds; furniture stored in an exposed manner on the west side yard;

1768 Celeste Circle  
Parcel 48-108-0-315.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

5735 Colegate Drive  
Parcel 48-110-0-238.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

81 South Edgehill  
Parcel 48-110-0-238.00-0  
High grass and weeds on the north side property near fence;

351 South Edgehill  
Parcel 48-012-0-034.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

3905 Elmwood Avenue  
Parcel 48-009-0-306.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

6270 Fairview Road  
Parcel 48-081-0-021.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

172 South Kimberly Avenue  
Parcel 48-017-0-006.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

44 South Kimberly Avenue  
Parcel 48-017-0-022.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

5285-5279 Kirk Road  
Parcel 48-021-0-012.00-0  
High grass and weeds. Pallets, junk, and debris stored in an exposed manner within rear and west side yards;

4455 New Road  
Parcel 48-070-0-015.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

73 North Edgehill Avenue  
Parcel 48-025-0-348.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

3703 Elmwood Avenue  
Parcel 48-009-0-219.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

124 Idlewood Road  
Parcel 48-025-0-093.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

87 Idlewood Road  
Parcel 48-025-0-124.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

6785 Lake Avenue  
Parcel 48-056-0-042.00-0  
High grass and weeds;



4291 Nottingham Avenue  
Parcel 48-104-0-160.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

4930 Mahoning Avenue  
Parcel 48-027-0-176.00-0  
Junk and trash stored in an exposed manner at rear of the building near the back entrance and within the rear parking lot;

3931 Mahoning Avenue  
Parcel 48-010-0-306.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

4986 Mahoning Avenue  
Parcel 48-011-0-020.00-0  
High grass and weeds in rear yard;

5580 Madrid Drive  
Parcel 48-017-0-110.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

40 North Meridian Road  
Parcel 48-023-0-124.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

1204 South Meridian Road  
Parcel 48-007-0-021.00-0  
Couch and debris stored in an exposed manner on the northside curb;

3655 Oakwood Avenue  
Parcel 48-023-0-093.01-0  
High grass and weeds;

5193 Pinecrest Avenue  
Parcel 48-097-0-055.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

5120 Pinecrest Avenue  
Parcel 48-097-0-067.00-0  
High grass, weeds;

234 Rosemont Ave  
Parcel 48-012-0-087.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

3426 Sandalwood Lane  
Parcel 48-003-0-063.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

3427 Sandalwoods Lane  
Parcel 8-003-0-056.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

4191 Staatz Drive  
Parcel 48-104-0-245.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

4550 North Warwick Drive  
Parcel 48-112-0-235.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

4810 Westchester Drive  
Parcel 48-016-0-015.00-0  
Carpet stored in an exposed manner at curb;

438 Westgate Boulevard  
Parcel 48-095-0-228.00-0  
High grass and weeds in the rear yard;

4246 Woodmere Drive  
Parcel 48-095-0-147.00-0  
High grass and weeds;

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

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-13:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to take a 5-minute recess at 12:12 p.m.

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

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-14:** Motion by Mr. Santos to return to open session at 12:18 p.m.

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

**Budget Session:**

Fiscal Officer, Laurie went over a comparison for years 2024 and 2025 (to date) on the Revenue and Expenses for each department. To date, the departments are within their usage percentages.

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-15:** Motion by Mr. Shepas to go into executive session at 12:20 p.m.

To consider the compensation of a public employee or official

And to recess for a lunch break

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

Also in attendance; All Trustees, Mark D'Apolito and Laurie Wolfe

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-16:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to return to open session at 12:48 p.m.

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

Discussion with Joe Barak of Minutemen OHIOCOMP – Managed Care Organization

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-17:** Motion by Mr. Santos to go into executive session at 1:55 p.m.

For Matters to be Kept Confidential

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

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-18:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to return to open session at 2:15 p.m.

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



**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-19:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve Minutemen OHIOCOMP as the township Managed Care Organization for 2 years.

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

**Senior Center:**

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-20:** Motion by Mr. Shepas that any Overtime or Comp Time earned by Senior Center employees must have prior approval from the Township Administrator or Board Chairperson. Request(s) must be submitted in writing.

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

**RESOLUTION #25-05-12-21:** Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn meeting at 2:55 p.m.

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

*(rest of page left intentionally blank)*

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: 6/2/2025

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Fiscal Officer – Pro Tem

Approved:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson Board of Trustees