

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

PUBLIC STAFF MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2025

The Public Staff Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, June 16, 2025, at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 9:30 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.

Assistant Fiscal Officer, Amy O'Brien, will serve as the Fiscal Officer for purposes of this meeting pursuant to Revised Code 507.021

Also in attendance is Administrator Mark D'Apolito.

Park Matters with Todd Shaffer:

- Discussion regarding permit for Septic and if Township must put it out for bid.
- Possibility of sewer lines being put in along Kirk Road.
- Monica Deavers mentioned that AJWL will be having a Strawberry Social during this week's Concert in the Park.
- Discussion about fixing or replacing tennis courts and the possibility of Austintown Schools helping with the cost since they utilize for meets.
- Girl Scouts added a portable library by the pond deck.
- Westchester will be cut weekly.

Police Matters with Chief Delmont, Sergeant David Yohman, Patrolman Matt Bellish, Detective Adam Hess, Dispatcher Maggie Murray:

Discussion related to how to present the importance of the levy.

Communications Matters with Chief Delmont and Dispatch Supervisor Steve Sinn:

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-01: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept one-year contracts for Dispatching Services for Beloit, Village of Lowellville, Milton, and Ellsworth

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

Suggestion that a yearly meeting should be held with Police & Fire Chiefs and a Trustee from each of the communities that we dispatch, and also invite the COG.

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-02: Motion by Mr. Shepas to go into executive session for Fire Personnel Matters with Chief Dave Schertzer at 11:25 a.m. to:

1. Discuss personnel matters

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

Also in attendance, Mark D'Apolito

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-03: Motion by Mr. Shepas to return to open session at 11:55 a.m.

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

Fiscal Budget Session with Fiscal Officer Laura Wolfe:

Discussion with the Fiscal Officer regarding the Fund Status and Appropriation Status of each department.

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-04: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the Advance from the General Fund (1000) to:

\$25,000.00 to Zoning (2181)

Also Transfers to the General Fund (1000) from:

\$700,000.00 from Police (2081)
\$200,000.00 from Fire (2111)
\$150,000.00 from Fire (2111)
\$350,000.00 from Communications (6002)
\$15,000.00 from Lighting District (4501)
\$15,000.00 from Lighting District (4501)
\$20,000.00 from Communications (6002)
\$100,000.00 from Communications (6002)
\$10,000.00 from Motor Vehicle License Tax (2011)
\$100,000.00 from Police (2081)
\$50,000.00 from Police (20181)
\$100,000.00 from Fire (2111)

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

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-05: Motion by Mr. Shepas to recess for lunch at 12:22 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-06: Motion by Mr. Santos to return to open session at 12:30 p.m.

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

Zoning Nuisances with Darren Crivelli and Dominic Moltchan:

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-07: Motion by Mr. Shepas to determine the below listed property(s) constitute a public nuisance pursuant to ORC 505.87:

2476 Amberly Street
Parcel 48-004-0-129.00-0
High grass and weeds:

3872 Ascot Court
Parcel 48-004-0-067.00-0
Stockade fence at the north property is in need of repair, replacement, or razing. Junk and debris are stored in an exposed manner near the north rear property line;

3886 Ascot Court
Parcel 48-004-0-066.00-0
Stockade fence at the north property is in need of repair, replacement, or razing. Junk and debris are stored in an exposed manner near the north rear property line;

67 North Beverly Avenue
Parcel 48-025-0-209.00-0
Stockade fence at the north property is in need of repair, replacement, or razing;

4355 Burkey Road
Parcel 48-080-0-023.00-0
Junk and debris stored in and exposed manner on porch and side of home along with high grass and weeds;

4710 Burkey Road
Parcel 48-118-0-009.00-0
Bush on the intersection of Woodhurst Drive and Burkey Road is causing a sight obstruction for road traffic;

210 South Beverly Avenue
Parcel 48-012-0-283.00-0
High grass and weeds;

74 South Beverly Avenue
Parcel 48-011-0-075.00-0
High grass and weeds;

1801 South Canfield-Niles Road
Parcel 48-019-0-013.00-0
Construction material and concrete stored in an exposed manner at the curb;

590 Carlin Drive
Parcel 48-102-0-013.00-0
High grass and weeds;

3767 Edinburgh Drive
Parcel 48-006-0-120.00-0
Trash and debris/Shelving at the curb;

519 Forest Hill Drive
Parcel 48-008-0-309.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard;

35 Hood Street
Parcel 48-048-0-035.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in rear yard including collapsed pool.

2373 Innwood Drive
Parcel 48-130-0-074.00-0
High grass and weeds;

5603 London Drive
Parcel 48-059-0-032.00-0
Junk and debris in rear stored in an exposed manner in rear yard, falling fence, pool with stagnate water with ripped pool liner along with high grass and weeds;

5416 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-028-0-004.00-0
High grass and weeds;

5355 Norquest Boulevard
Parcel 48-031-0-033.00-0
Wood pile/construction material in front yard stored in an exposed manner;

5291 Norquest Boulevard

Parcel 48-031-0-022.00-0

Tires and high grass and weeds stored in an exposed manner on the easterly side of the garage.

225 Parkgate Avenue

Parcel 48-012-0-197.00-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard;

2206 Penny Lane

Parcel 48-130-0-104.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in driveway;

4783 Pine Trace Drive

Parcel 48-107-0-095.00-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard behind fence;

3325 Starwick Drive

Parcel 48-069-0-031.00-0

High grass and weeds along with junk and debris stored in an exposed manner on porch with fallen down siding on the south side of the home;

4339 Timberbrook Drive

Parcel 48-003-0-171.00-0

High grass and weeds;

6493 South Timberidge Avenue

Parcel 48-132-0-059.00-0

High grass and weeds;

1210 South Turner Road

Parcel 48-061-0-034.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner on front porch and driveway;

100 Viall Road

Parcel 48-015-0-011.00-0

High grass and weeds;

5385 Willowcrest Drive

Parcel 48-115-0-022.00-0

High grass and weeds;

33 North Wickliffe Circle

Parcel 48-025-0-537.01-0

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

Senior Center Matters with James Henshaw:

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-08: Motion by Mr. Shepas to go into executive session for Personnel Matters with James Henshaw at 1:05 p.m. to:

1. Discuss personnel matters

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

Also in attendance, Mark D'Apolito and Amy O'Brien

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-09: Motion by Mr. Shepas to return to open session at 1:22 p.m.

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

Administrator's Report with Mark D'Apolito:

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-10: Motion by Mr. Shepas to go into executive session for Personnel Matters with Mark D'Apolito at 1:27 p.m. to:

1. Discuss personnel matters

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

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-11: Motion by Mr. Shepas to return to open session at 1:55 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-12: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the resignation notice from K9 Patrol Jason Murzda with his last day of work being June 29, 2025. Jason Murzda has accepted another position with an outside Police Department agency. Accordingly, the Township will sell him his duty bulletproof vest at a pro-rated rate based on the original purchase price and the remaining life of the vest. Township will also sell Jason Murzda his canine, Gunney, for one dollar (\$1.00) as outlined on page 42, Article 22, Section 2 #4 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

RESOLUTION #25-06-16-13: Motion by Mr. Shepas to adjourn meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Santos, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; Mrs. Deavers, 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: 7/7/25

Amy O'Brien
Amy O'Brien, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Approved:

Bruce Shepas
Bruce Shepas, Chairperson, Board of Trustees