

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 7, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, July 7, 2025 at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm 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 #25-07-07-01: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting May 23, 2025, Regular Meeting of June 2, 2025 and Public Staff Meeting of June 16, 2025.

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

PRESENTATION

Presentation by the Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County. Aimee Fifarek talked about the summer offerings at the library.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Terlecki, 5600 Cider Mill Crossing

- Vindicator does not put agendas in paper, no longer lists Fitch graduates or scholarships.
- Questioned why fireworks are going off before and after the 4th of July in neighborhoods.
- Thanked Road Department for the work saying they are swift and complete.
- There is a Cider Mill parking problem that has become a hazard.

Sam Swoger, 4492 Viall Road

- Thanked everyone for their help with the Memorial Day Parade and the 4th

- of July Parade.
- The shed at the 9-1-1 Memorial is to be moved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Working with Falcon Media to get some videos done to show what Austintown Township Departments do.

Presentation by Sarah Lown of the Port Authority.

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-02: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the Ohio Development Services Mahoning County-Austintown Township Enterprise Zone Program Application for GSP Land Holdings with a project site of 6405 Silica Road. This is for a 60% abatement; School Board approval is not required.

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

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-03: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept the resignation of Road Department employee, Gabriel Faunda, effective June 20, 2025, pursuant to the employee's email dated May 16, 2025. All severances to be paid pursuant to the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Delmont presented monthly statistics for June for the Police Department and Communications Department.

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-04: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the attached Resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the electors of the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation.

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

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-05: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the following donations for the Austintown Township Police Department K-9 Program:

- a. Anonymous Donor - \$500.00
- b. Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies - \$1,000.00
- c. Senior Center Member Donations- \$86.00
- d. Ohio State Eagles Men's - \$1,000.00
- e. Austintown Generational Enrichment (AGE) - \$3,750.00

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Schertzer presented monthly statistics for June.

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-06: Motion by Mr. Shepas pursuant to ORC 505.10 declaring the Sunray Road Side Sign Surplus Property as it is no longer needed for public use, is obsolete, or unfit for the use for which it was acquired and the fair market value *is less than \$2,500.00* so that the property shall be sold by online auction.

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

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-07: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the hiring of Jonathan Park as a Part-Time Firefighter, conditional on the passing of all pre-employment testing.

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

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-08: Motion by Mr. Santos to schedule a public hearing on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm for Amendment 2025-01-Z pursuant to the letter of certification from the Austintown Zoning Commission, dated June 27, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-09: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the following nuisance 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:

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155-117 Atlanta Avenue
Parcel 48-027-0-131.00-0
High grass and weeds;

3904 Avalon Court
Parcel 48-010-0-249.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout the front yard, plant growth obstructing sidewalks;

5711 Baylor Avenue
Parcel 48-110-0-290.00-0
High grass and weeds, stagnate water in pool;

5657 Baylor Avenue
Parcel 48-110-0-281.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard;

74 South Beverly Avenue
Parcel 48-011-0-075.00-0
Pine tree at the curb site obstruction;

12 North Beverly Avenue
Parcel 48-011-0-032.00-0
High grass and weeds;

3300 Briarwood Lane
Parcel 48-002-0-095.00-0
High grass and weeds;

3908 Burkey Road
Parcel 48-008-0-010.00-0
High grass and weeds;

4197 Claridge Drive
Parcel 48-104-0-056.00-0
High grass and weeds in rear yard, sticks and brush piles stored in an exposed manner in rear yard;

114 Country Green Drive
Parcel 48-092-0-028.00-0
Junk, furniture stored in an exposed manner in front of the garage;

5511 Colgate Drive
Parcel 48-110-0-008.02-0
High grass in rear yard;

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1080 Collins Street

Parcel 48-008-0-121.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in rear yard and porch;

4220 Crum Road

Parcel 48-034-0-038.00-0

High grass and weeds on westside yard;

4280 Crum Road

Parcel 48-034-0-029.00-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard;

3815 Cumberland Drive

Parcel 48-007-0-100.00-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard;

3728 Elmwood Avenue

Parcel 48-009-0-095.01-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard;

3905 Elmwood Avenue

Parcel 48-009-0-306.00-0

High grass and weeds;

2373 Innwood Drive

Parcel 48-130-0-074.00-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard;

6060 Kirk Road

Parcel 48-116-0-021.00-0

High grass and weeds;

4035 Kirk Road

Parcel 48-003-0-111.00-0

High grass and weeds on both the east and west rear side yards on the outside of the fence;

3189 Meanderwood drive

Parcel 48-133-0-068.00-0

High grass and weeds in rear yard;

3928 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-023-0-004.00-0

High grass and weeds;

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4450 Mahoning Avenue.
Parcel 48-026-0-067.00-0
High grass and weeds;

4195 Mahoning Avenue
Parcel 48-011-0-222.00-0
High grass and weeds along with bushes causing site obstruction;

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

681 Notre Dame Avenue
Parcel 48-110-0-085.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner on driveway and rear yard including
and motor/engine and dismantled pool;

2130 Penny Lane
Parcel 48-107-0-207.00-0
High grass and weeds;

613 North Raccoon Road
Parcel 48-078-0-038.00-0
High grass and weeds;

617 North Raccoon Road
Parcel 48-078-0-041.00-0
High grass and weeds;

6416 Ridgeview Avenue
Parcel 48-123-0-007.00-0
High grass and weeds;

209 North Roanoke Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-234.00-0
High grass and weeds, junk and debris store in an exposed manner on front porch
and yard;

262 North Roanoke Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-197.00-0
High grass and weeds;

233 North Roanoke Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-230.00-0
Trash, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner at the curb;

6685 Silica Road

Parcel 48-068-0-007.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in front of garage;

1421 Yolanda Place

Parcel 48-007-0-142.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in yard with 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.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

Park Supervisor, Todd Shaffer reminded residents of the following:

- Concerts start tomorrow from 7:00–8:30 pm and to check the Park's Facebook page for updates.
- The Lion's Club donated another bench to the playground.

SENIOR CENTER

Director, Jim Henshaw announced the following scheduled events:

- Health Fair August 1st at Hollywood Gaming.
- Health Fair August 6th at Covelli Center.

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-10: Motion by Mr. Santos to adopt work hours, policy and procedures memo for Senior Center full and part-time employees.

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

FISCAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-11: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept June Reports submitted to Board for Review:

- a. Fund Status
- b. Revenue Status
- c. Appropriation Status
- d. Payment Listing over \$10,000.00
- e. Requisitions for Board Approval

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

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-12: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve Advance from the General Fund (1000) to:

\$500,000.00 to Police (2081) 07/07/25

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

OHIO LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-13: Motion by Mrs. Deavers whether to request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority of the TRANSFER permit to Pilot Travel Centers, LLC, dba Pilot Travel Center #003, 1150 N. Canfield-Niles Road, Austintown, OH 44515; Permit #69282280015; Permit Classes C2, C2X – No objections.

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

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-14: Motion by Mr. Santos whether to request a hearing on Notice to Legislative Authority on the TRFO (transfer) from BJSJ Family, LLC dba Sun Merchant, 3065 Mahoning Avenue, Austintown Township; Youngstown, OH 44515; Permit #10004781-1; Permit Classes C1, C2, D6

To Dal D Service, Inc., 3065 Mahoning Avenue, Austintown Township; Youngstown, OH 44515; Permit #01899872-1; Permit Classes C1, C2, D6. No objections.

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

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:

- Thanked ALL for their efforts with the Fireworks and Parade.

TRUSTEE ROBERT SANTOS:

- Talked about locking in 100% of the 36% of funds permanently with dispensaries.
- Going to Washington, DC to work to get funding for Park bathrooms (sanitary line extension). It is a \$5.1 million project.

TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:

- Talked about advocating for host communities of marijuana funds.

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-15: Motion by Mr. Santos to recess to Executive Session at 6:30 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-16: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:50 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #25-07-07-17: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 8:50 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.

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Date: 7/21/25



Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer

Approved: 

Bruce Shepas, Chairperson Board of Trustees