

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, September 8, 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 #25-09-08-01: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Minutes of the Special meeting of April 30, 2025 (Nuisances only) and the Public Staff Meeting of August 18, 2025.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andy Pazillo, 2960 Spring Meadow Circle, Thanked the Township for the use of the range and invited everyone to Highway Tabernacle Church for Hometown Sunday on September 21, 2025.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. D'Apolito noted that paving will start soon.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-02: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept the resignations of Dominic Lipinsky and Gregory Faunda, employees of the 2025 Summer Work Program, as of 08/21/25 and Jackson Potkonicky's resignation date of 08/22/25.

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

- The Mahoning County Engineer's office will be starting the CDBG North Wickcliffe Sidewalk Improvement Projects – Phase A: Tree Removal. The project will not start until later in the year.

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-03: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to authorize the township Administrator to execute an emergency contract/quote with D.R. Landscaping and excavating for the immediate repair of the sink hole on Spring Meadow Circle. This work will be financed, in part, by an Emergency O.P.W.C. Grant. The costs of this work shall not exceed the Engineer's estimate.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Delmont briefly addressed the shooting in College Park.
- Chief Delmont presented the monthly stats.

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-04: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve settlement agreement from grievance of overpayment to Dispatcher Grace Yarian.

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 July.

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-05: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept donation from Kirt A. Colkitt in the amount of \$50.00

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

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-06: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the purchase of ten (10) sets of Firefighting gear and boots not to exceed \$38,000.00.

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

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-07: 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:

1029 Collins Street
Parcel 48-008-0-249.00-0
Branches and brush piles stored in an exposed manner in rear yard;

1050 South Compass West Drive
Parcel 48-008-0-278.00-0
Litter and debris in the north parking lot and 990 parking lot near dumpster and wood line;

81 South Edge Hill
Parcel 48-011-0-240.00-0
High grass and weeds on north side yard by fence;

6270 Fairview Road
Parcel 48-081-0-021.00-0
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner near rear outbuilding, stagnant water in hot tub in need of removal along with high grass and weeds;

2205 Inwood Drive
Parcel 48-070-0-156.01-0
Miscellaneous junk and derbies stored in an exposed manner on front porch and driveway including a walker, storage bins, excessive recycle bins, storage shelving and interior chairs;

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

5667 Radcliffe Avenue
Parcel 48-110-0-107.00-0
Couch stored in an exposed manner at curb;

1705-1739 South Raccoon Road
Parcel 48-108-0-005.00-0
Litter and debris in the southeast parking lot near dumpster along with brush piles;

Parcel 48-026-0-077.00-P

Dominion East Ohio Gas

9 arborvitaes in need of replacement on northside of the fence per the approved original buffering plans;

3402 Rebecca Drive

Parcel 48-112-0-152.00-0

Refrigerator stored in an exploded manner in front driveway;

233 North Roanoke Avenue

Parcel 48-024-0-230.00-0

Garbage stored in an exposed manner at the curb;

4771 East Webb Road

Parcel 48-040-0-023.00-0

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.

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

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-08: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the following which was presented by Zoning Inspector, Darren Crivelli who also explained the reasons behind the change:

Austintown Township Trustees, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio, 44515, pursuant to Article IV, Section 414, Paragraph No. 2 of the Austintown Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended through August 5, 2024, concerning the initiation of amendments to the Austintown Township Zoning Ordinance, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP** find it necessary to initiate hearings to amend the Austintown Township Zoning Ordinance and Austintown Township Zoning Map to reclassify and rezone the following parcels of real property from Business B-2 Districts to Business B-1 Districts in their entirety:

Lot No. 2690 - South Four Mile Run Road – Parcel 48-010-0-117.00-0;
Lot No. 2691 - South Four Mile Run Road – Parcel 48-010-0-118.00-0; and
Lot No. 2692 - South Four Mile Run Road – Parcel 48-010-0-119.00-0;

Said properties are contained in the Four Mile Run Road Plat, are located on the east side of the South Four Mile Run Road right-of-way, directly southeast of the Huntmere Avenue-South Four Mile Run Road intersection; have a combined frontage of 220 feet; and are zoned as Business B-2 Districts in Austintown Township, Mahoning County, State of Ohio.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

- Todd Shaffer presented events that will be happening at the Park:
 - Splash Pad will be closing Sunday 09/14/25.
 - County cross country meet on 09/24/25.
 - November 1st & 2nd, 2025 Holiday Markets.
- Thanked Austintown Junior Women's League for putting up teal ribbons for Ovarian Cancer Awareness.

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-09: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept the resignation of William Spalding, an employee of the 2025 Summer Work Program, as of 08/26/25.

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

SENIOR CENTER DEPARTMENT

- Director James Henshaw encouraged Seniors to check for the Center's schedule on Facebook.
- Student nurses will be available at the Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

FISCAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-10: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept August Reports submitted to Board for review:

- a. Fund Status
- b. Revenue Status
- c. Appropriation Status
- d. Payment Listing over \$10,000.00

- i. Westchester-Park:
\$14,680.00-Austintown Girls Softball League
Repairs to Field #4
Refer to Resolution #24-07-01-11
 - ii. All Departments:
\$39,967.20-ABM Joint Communications District
COG System
Refer to Resolution #25-03-17-11.
 - iii. General:
\$27,109.52 – ABC Water District
Payroll, Benefits, UAN & Auditing
Refer to Resolution #25-08-18-22
 - iv. Police Department:
\$12,422.47 – TriTech Software Systems
EmergiTech Software Annual Maintenance
Refer to Resolution #24-07-01-16
- e. Requisitions for Board Approval

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-11: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve an Advance from the General Fund (1000) to:

\$15,000.00 to Maintenance (6001)

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

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-12: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to certify to the Mahoning County Auditor that the spreadsheet entitled “Austintown Township Lighting District” attached and made part of the minutes of this meeting is an accurate account of the properties and includes all costs incurred in providing maintenance/control to those who are in a lighting district. The Board of Trustees requests the Mahoning County Auditor place the costs as listed upon the tax duplicates of the listed properties. The costs will be a lien upon the lands from and after the date of the entry. The costs shall be returned to the Township and placed in the Township’s Lighting District Fund (4501).

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-13: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Agreement between the Austintown Township Board of Trustees and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) CLERICAL UNIT; effective upon execution through December 31, 2026.

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

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:

- Reminded everyone of the 9-1-1 Service at 6:00 pm on 09/11/25 at the 9-1-1 Park on Raccoon Road.
- Wished everyone a safe and successful school year.

TRUSTEE ROBERT SANTOS:

- Austintown's Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 25, 2025 at Township Park.
- Addressed the issue of Property Tax and the petition that is circulating saying he is advocating to State legislators to give Austintown Township more money.

TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:

- Thanked all the Township departments for their hard work.

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-14: Motion by Mr. Santos to recess to Executive Session at 6:30 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-15: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:20 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #25-09-08-16: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

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

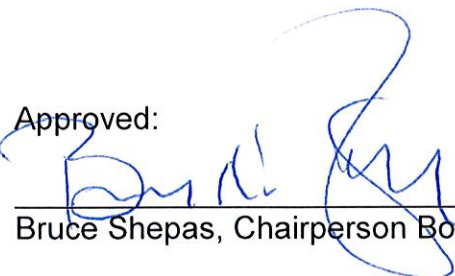
This is to certify that the foregoing is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board of township trustees at its meeting held on the date listed above.

Date: 09-15-25



Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer

Approved:



Bruce Shepas, Chairperson Board of Trustees