

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

PUBLIC STAFF MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2025

The Public Staff Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, October 20, 2025, at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 9:30 am 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 #25-10-20-01: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2025.

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

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

Senior Center Matters:

Senior Center Director did not attend.

Police Matters with Chief Delmont:

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-02: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the resignation notice from Dispatcher Grace Yarian with last day worked being October 17, 2025.

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

- Chief Delmont mentioned that Gina Little may be transferring to a part-time position.
- Chief Delmont explained that with the Federal Government shutdown, the Police Department may not be receiving the bullet-proof vest grant that is normally processed when new vests are ordered. There are 7-8 vests that are

expiring at \$975.00 each and the department needs to order them now to have them in January when they expire.

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-03: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve ordering bullet-proof vests to replace the equipment that is expiring.

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

- Trustee Santos asked Chief Delmont to coordinate with Senior Center Director James Henshaw, for the Police Department to speak at the Senior Center regarding the Police Levy.
- Trustee Deavers mentioned to Chief Delmont that the Police Department speaking at a Rotary meeting went well.

Park Matters with Administrator Mark D'Apolito:

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-04: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept the resignation of Summer Labor Harrison Spalding effective October 17, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-05: Motion by Mr. Shepas to go into Executive Session to conduct Senior Center Director Candidate #1 interview at 10:00 am. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito and Amy O'Brien

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

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-06: Motion by Mr. Shepas to return from executive session at 11:00 am.

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

New Business with Mark D'Apolito:

Meeting with NOPEC's Ross McDonald, Director of Expansion and Brenda Fargo, Member Development Director. Presented Trustees with NOPEC's options for the electric aggregation program, \$8.929/kwh is the current rate with a twelve-month option of \$8.5/kwh and twenty-four-month option at \$9/kwh. None of them have cancellation fees, but are based on enrollment within the Township. Need to plan two public hearings, and are planning on November 10th in the afternoon and a Trustee meeting.

Requisition for Board Approval:

Communications - Motorola Solutions, Inc. – Command Central – November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026 - \$19,516.00

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-07: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the settlement agreement and release between Custom Cable Construction, Inc. dba Custom Utilicom, Inc. and the Board of Austintown Township Trustees in regard to damages done by Custom Utilicom to Township property.

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

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-08: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the sale of Elmwood Avenue parcel no. 48-012-0-050.00-0 for \$98,000.00 to William Vuletich; in excess of auditors appraised value, and in accordance with the purchase agreement between Austintown Township and Century 21 Lakeside Realty, and to authorize Township Administrator to execute the related purchase agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate said transfer.

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

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-09: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the sale of three South Meridian Road parcels nos. 48-002-0-021.00-0, 48-002-0-022.00-0, and 48-002-0-023.00-0 for \$18,310.00 to Lora Digiacomio; in excess of auditors appraised value, and in accordance with the purchase agreement between Austintown Township and Century 21 Lakeside Realty, and to authorize Township Administrator to execute the related purchase agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate said transfer.

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

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-10: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the sale of Madrid Drive parcel no. 48-017-0-111.00-0 for \$30,000.00 to Chad Cromer; in excess of auditors appraised value, and in accordance with the purchase agreement between Austintown Township and Century 21 Lakeside Realty, and to authorize Township Administrator to execute the related purchase agreement and all documents necessary to effectuate said transfer.

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

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-11: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the OPERS salary reduction pick-up for Township Administrator, Zoning Inspector(s) and Senior Center Director.

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

Budget Session & Fiscal Office Report:

Nothing to report at this time.

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-12: Motion by Mr. Shepas at 11:45 am to recess for lunch.

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

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-13: Motion by Mr. Shepas to return to open session at 12:25 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-14: Motion by Mr. Shepas to go into Executive Session to conduct Senior Center Director Candidate #2, #3 and #4 interviews at 12:33 pm. Also in attendance were Mark D'Apolito and Amy O'Brien

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

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-15: Motion by Mr. Shepas to return from executive session at 4:08 pm.

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

Zoning Nuisances with Darren Crivelli and Dominic Moltchan:

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-16: Motion by Mr. Shepas to determine that the below listed properties constitute and are declared a public nuisance pursuant to ORC 505.87:

1516 Maplecrest Drive

Parcel 48-076-0-049.00-0

Miscellaneous junk and debris including lawn mowers, gas cans, car seats stored in an exposed manner along with high weeds and grass in front of garage door;

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

339 Westminster Avenue
Parcel 48-024-0-331.00-0
Miscellaneous junk and debris including construction material stored in an exposed manner in rear yard.

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

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-17: Motion by Mr. Shepas 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:

3855 Frederick Street - An inoperable and unlicensed maroon GMC Suburban pick-up truck parked in an exposed manner within the driveway; and

3855 Frederick Street - An inoperable and unlicensed black GMC Suburban pick-up truck parked in an exposed manner within the rear yard grass.

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

Administrator's Report with Mark D'Apolito:

- Mr. D'Apolito mentioned that KO Consulting may be able to obtain some grants for the Senior Center.
- Mr. D'Apolito said that KO Consulting is still working on rental rates at Westchester.

- The Road Department will be hiring new Truck Drivers soon.
- Trunk-or-Treat is this Saturday at Austintown Township Park.
- There is a Chili Cook-Off on Veteran's Day at Austintown Fitch High School.

RESOLUTION #25-10-20-18: Motion by Mr. Santos to adjourn meeting at 5:03 pm.

Mrs. Deavers 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: 11/10/2025

Amy O'Brien

Amy O'Brien, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Approved:

Bruce Shepas

Bruce Shepas, Chairperson Board of Trustees