

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, February 5, 2024 at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 5:30 P.M. 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.

Presentation of Proclamations was given to the AMS 2024 Competition Cheer Team

A moment of reflection on two recently deceased Township Trustees; Ben DiRienzo and Warren 'Bo' Pritchard

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Austintown Community Family Fun Day (2024) – Presentation from Little Miss & Little Mr. Austintown.

Joe Asteri; 5349 S. Saratoga Ave
Presentation on ODOT roundabout on Rt 46; please contact ODOT and leave comments.

Mike Beaudis; 2604 Barrington Ct.
Spoke in favor of Joe's committees' proposal . he is NOT in favor of roundabout – please contact ODOT and leave comments.

Steve Terliecki; 5600 Cider Mill Crossing
Commented on leaving comments on ODOT – no response.
Why are we in the news – begging & pleading for money.
Wished the Chief much luck in the future – Thank you for your service.

Bob Cooper; 1610 Idaho

- Austintown DAV, chapter #2 – thanked Trustees for their help in getting a building.
- Presentations to Monica Deavers, Bruce Shepas and Robert Santos and donated flags to police department.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- January has been rough with the snow and ice control; crews are working on patching roads;
- plans to pave 6.5 miles of road this year due to the ¼% sales tax;
- Talked about looking @ Communications Dept. funding;
- Accepted resumes to interview for the police chief

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #25-02-03-01: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept the retirement of Police Department Captain Tom Collins, effective March 31, 2025, pursuant to his email of January 30, 2025. Additionally, liquidation of leave balances shall be paid pursuant to the policies and procedures set forth in the F.O.P. C.B.A.

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

Chief Gavalier commended Tom – Tom was instrumental in body cameras, training with everything in “tool” belt, helped create policy manuals. Congratulations!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #25-02-03-02: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to accept resignation letter of PT-Firefighter, Matthew Misko effective 1/31/25.

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

Chief Schertzer recapped the calls the Fire Department had received in January – 479 calls (service, fires, rescue, false alarms, etc.)

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #25-02-03-03: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the following:

RESOLUTION

The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, State of Ohio, meeting on **Monday, February 3, 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:

498 Westgate Blvd
48-095-0-251.00-0
Couch stored in an exposed manner at the curb.

5195 Willowcrest Dr
48-117-0-022.00-0
Mattress and Box Spring stored in an exposed manner at curb.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

Park supervisor, Todd Shaffer stated approximately 250 Christmas trees were collected in support of the water habitat program.

SENIOR CENTER

Director, Jim Henshaw thanked the Parks Dept. for their help at the Senior Center. Also stated the new Spanish Class will be starting soon.

FISCAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION #25-02-03-04: Motion by Mr. Santos to Accept January Reports submitted to Board for review:

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

1. ROAD:

Morton Salt - \$17,062.22
Morton Salt - \$23,839.64
Resolution #24-09-09-05

2. WESTCHESTER:

Austintown Generational Enrichment Corp - \$10,000.00 –
Fireworks
Resolution #25-01-06-18

e. Requisitions for Board Approval

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

RESOLUTION #25-02-03-05: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept the 2024 Inventory Reports from the Road Dept.; Park's Dept.; Fire Dept.; Police Dept.; and Zoning Dept.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #25-02-03-06: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to appoint Trustee Robert Santos to the ABC District Committee.

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

RESOLUTION #25-02-03-07: Motion by Mr. Santos to authorize Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office to commence litigation against Custom Utilicom Inc., A.T.&T, and other involved parties as identified by the Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office concerning the storm pipe damage done on or around March 1, 2023 at the northeast corner of two township roads; S. Rosemont & Potomac Dr.

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

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:

- National 'Wear Red Day' on February 7th – American Heart month

TRUSTEE ROBERT SANTOS:

- Austintown Trustees – Chili Cookoff - entry online; February 9th – Teamsters sponsored

TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:

- OTA Conference in Columbus – just came back from – learned much

RESOLUTION #25-02-03-08: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to recess to Executive Sessions at 6:20 P.M.

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

RESOLUTION #25-02-03-09: Motion by Mr. Santos to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:19 P.M.

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

RESOLUTION #25-02-03-10: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

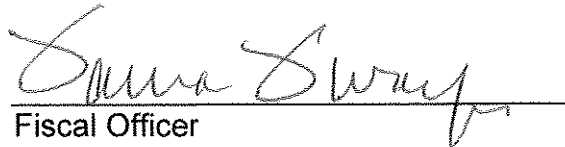
Mr. Santos seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Deavers, yes; Mr. Shepas, yes; and Mr. Santos, yes.

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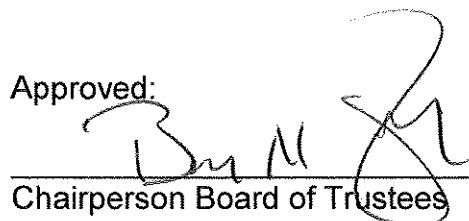
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This is to certify that the foregoing is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board of township trustees at its meeting held on the date listed above.

Date: 4-7-25


Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Chairperson Board of Trustees