

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

PUBLIC STAFF MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2025

The Public Staff Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, April 14, 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, absent.

RESOLUTION #25-04-14-01: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to appoint Mark D'Apolito as Fiscal Officer Pro Tem in the absence of Laura L. Wolfe.

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

Senior Center Matters:

- Rent issues were discussed
- Director, Jim Henshaw presented a spreadsheet on other Senior Center's and their costs regarding classes.
- Going forward everyone will be charged a \$15.00 fee. An additional \$3.00 charge will be added to 'instructor – led' classes.
- The Hall rental fee has been raised to \$55.00/hour for residents and \$75.00/hour for non-residents

Park Matters:

- Park Supervisor, Todd Shaffer stated the signs for the new playground equipment are in – there will be a 'Grand' opening scheduled.
- Aey Electric will be replacing a transformer at the Park.
- The spigot at the Dog Park will be fixed – however, it will not be available in the winter.

RESOLUTION #25-04-14-02: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to recess to Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.:

To consider the employment of a public employee or official

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

Also in attendance; Trustees, Mark D'Apolito, Todd Shaffer and Teresa Schanz

RESOLUTION #25-04-14-03: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to return to open session at 10:25 a.m.:

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

RESOLUTION #25-04-14-04: Motion by Mr. Shepas to hire Harrison Spalding and William Spalding for the Park Summer Help Program 2025 at the 2024 rate and not to exceed 900 hours each for this year.

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

Police FOP Matters:

- 'Discussion Outline' presented to the Trustees regarding Administrator, Mark D'Apolito – see attached

Budget Session:

- Fiscal Officer, Laurie Wolfe went over each Dept.'s revenue received to date and expenses to date.

Cemetery:

- The Road Dept. will bill Cemetery for grass cutting
- Discussion on raising burial rates as based on research of other cemeteries in the area.

RESOLUTION #25-04-14-05: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to take a recess for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION #25-04-14-06: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to return to open session at 12:35 p.m.

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

yes; and Mr. Santos, absent.

Zoning Matters:

RESOLUTION #25-04-14-07: Motion by Mr. Shepas to approve the following:

RESOLUTION

The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, State of Ohio, meeting on **Monday, April 14, 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:

4177 Crum Road

Parcel 48-066-0-010.00-0

Miscellaneous items, junk, and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;

Fitch Boulevard/ Vacant Lot

Parcel 48-029-0-153.00-0

Litter stored in an exposed manner near the roadside of Fitch Boulevard;

1656 Laurie Drive

48-108-0-118.00-0

High grass and weeds;

1650 Laurie Drive

48-108-0-119.00-0

High grass and weeds;

3924 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-023-0-005.00-0

High grass and weeds;

228 North Turner Road

Parcel 48-067-0-071.00-0

Miscellaneous items, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner within the front yard, driveway, and rear yard;

3426 Sandalwood Lane

Parcel 48-003-0-063.00-0

Miscellaneous items, junk, trash, debris, and yard waste stored in an exposed manner within the garage and throughout the property.

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, absent.

Police Matters:

- Discussion on how some of the area Dispatch Centers are leaving Austintown.
- Discussion on the purchase and installation of a new 1,000-gallon Gas Tank.

Fire Matters:

- Discuss with broker on the sale of surplus property.
- Discussion on Lane Life Transportation Housing.

Administrator's Report:

- Nothing at this time.

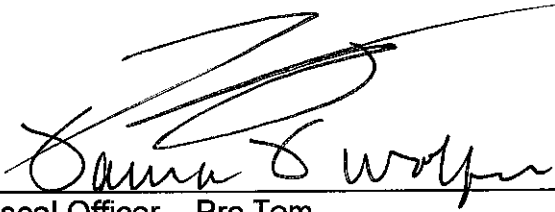
RESOLUTION #25-04-14-08: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn meeting at 2:05 p.m.

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

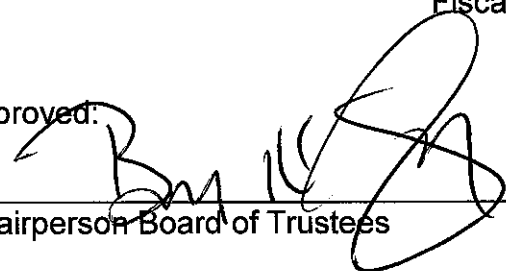
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This is to certify that the foregoing is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board of township trustees at its meeting held on the date listed above.

Date: 6/2/2025



Fiscal Officer – Pro Tem

Approved: 

Chairperson Board of Trustees