

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, August 4, 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 #25-08-04-01: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the Minutes of the Public Staff Meeting of July 21, 2025.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Austintown Generational Enrichment Committee and the Parade Committee to the Winners of the July 4th Parade.

Presentation by Fire Department Battalion Chief Marcum of the Ice Rescue Equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mitchell Cialella, 6994 Backwater Cove stated that three streams are coming together in his backyard and it is eroding. Looking for any help if it is available; Bruce Shepas addressed his concern.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Flu shots are being distributed by the Board of Health at the Township.
- Addressed issues with First Energy and the street lights on Patriot Blvd.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY

Resurfacing is to begin soon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Delmont presented monthly statistics for June for the Police Department which were up from July 2024.
- Chief Delmont also mentioned the requests for speed trailer movement.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Schertzer presented monthly statistics for July.

RESOLUTION #25-08-04-02: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the resignation letter of Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic, Jordan Gibbs, effective July 14, 2025.

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

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #25-08-04-03: 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:

Allendale Avenue

Parcel 48-001-0-121.00-0

Miscellaneous junk and debris, stored in an exposed manner on the south side of the property including trash cans, plastic buckets, pots, wood and temporally wall structures.

5414 Argonne Drive

Parcel 48-028-0-061.00-0

High grass and weed on side and rear yard;

3375 Darbyshire Drive

Parcel 48-113-0-001.00-0

High grass and weeds. Miscellaneous items, junk, and debris stored in an exposed manner within the rear yard and rear wall of the dwelling;

1080 Collins Street

Parcel 48-008-0-121.00-0

Couch and junk, debris stored in an exposed manner in driveway and side yard;

169 South Four Mile Run Road

Parcel 48-010-0-117.00-0; 48-010-0-116.00-0; 48-010-0-115.00-0; 8-010-0-118.00-0; 48-010-0-119.00-0

High grass and weeds;

87 Idlewood Road

Parcel 48-025-0-124.00-0

High grass and weeds;

3045 Evelyn Road

Parcel 48-074-0-061.00-0

High grass and weeds;

42 South Inglewood Avenue

Parcel 48-065-0-062.00-0

High grass and weeds along with junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout the yard and driveway;

6785 Lake Road

Parcel 48-056-0-042.00-0

High grass and weeds;

5529 London Drive

Parcel 48-017-0-092.00-0

High grass and weeds;

281 Marcia Drive

Parcel 48-097-0-115

Miscellaneous items, junk, and debris stored in an exposed manner on the back porch, atop a flat-bed trailer and within the driveway all in need of removal;

281 Marcia Drive

Parcel 48-097-0-115

An inoperable pontoon boat in need of removal;

4470 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-026-0-065.00-0

Litter and debris stored in an exposed manner on side and rear of the building in parking and grass areas;

4450 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-026-0-067.00-0

Graffiti in need of removal on the west side of the building and dumpster enclosure.

Dumpster enclosure in need of repair;

5202 Mahoning Avenue

Parcel 48-028-0-101.00-0

Pylon sign faces in need of removal;

47 North Navarre Avenue

Parcel 48-023-0-255.00-0

Miscellaneous items, junk, and debris stored in an exposed manner including a Pepsi pop dispenser, an oversized tire, racks of air-conditioners and other items within the driveway and rear yard all in need of removal;

117 Ohltown Road

Parcel 48-029-0-053.00-0

High grass and weeds;

3445 Sandalwood Court

Parcel 48-003-0-038.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in front yard and driveway;

3426 Sandalwood Lane

Parcel 48-003-0-063.00-0

High grass and weeds. Junk, branches and debris stored in an exposed manner in rear porch and yard;

2130 Penny Lane

Parcel 48-107-0-207.00-0

Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner in driveway and high grass and weeds;

43 South Roanoke Avenue

Parcel 48-011-0-143.00-0

High grass and weeds;

49 Westminster Avenue

Parcel 48-025-0-444.00-0

Dumpster overflowing on north east corner parking lot;

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 #25-08-04-04: Motion by Mr. Santos 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 vehicle(s) public nuisances under Ohio Revised Code 505.871 and order the removal of the junk vehicles within 14 days after notice is served to the property owner:

119 North Yorkshire Boulevard - An inoperable white Pontiac G6 with an expired license plate (FMB 8575)) parked in an exposed manner within the front yard grass.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

- Over 350 cars participated in the Armstrong Street Scene Car show on July 20, 2025.
- Thank you to Harold and Kay Wilson who made a donation to the Park for the purchase of new trees.
- On August 17, 2025 from 1-3 pm, there will be a "Faith Concert" at the bandshell.

RESOLUTION #25-08-04-05: Motion by Mr. Shepas to accept the Fact-Finding Report 2025-MED-10-1328, related to the Park Department employees.

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

SENIOR CENTER DEPARTMENT

Tai Chi will return to the Senior Center in September.

RESOLUTION #25-08-04-06: Motion by Mr. Santos to accept July Reports submitted to Board for Review:

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

i. GENERAL:

Ohio Township Association-\$174,903.00-Township buildings, properties, vehicles and liability insurance for 2025-2026. Refer to Resolution #25-06-02-09.

ii. POLICE:

William Hoelzel-\$41,995.29-Severance. Refer to Resolution #25-05-12-03.

Jason Murzda-\$31,480.46-Severance. Refer to Resolution #25-06-16-12.

e. Requisitions for Board Approval

i. POLICE:

Superior Auto Body-\$21,815.27-Repair to Cruiser

Cellebrite, inc.-\$15,337.50-Inseyets UFED Subscriptions.

To be reimbursed by a Grant.

Motorola Solutions, Inc.-\$108,128.43-Equipment Purchase.

ii. FIRE:

D&R Garage Doors Plus-\$11,634.00-Purchase and installation of 3 new garage doors at Station #2.

iii. PARK:

Game Time-\$19,400.00-New playground equipment.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #25-08-04-07: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to ratify the New National

Opioids Settlement pertaining to Purdue Opioids. Reference #CL-1737826.

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

RESOLUTION #25-08-04-08: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve the quote from Western Reserve Mechanical to replace the HVAC unit on the Township Administration Building, Township Hall, at a cost not to exceed \$11,550.00.

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

OHIO LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION

Nothing to add.

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

TRUSTEE MONICA DEAVERS:

- Thanked residents for supporting local small businesses.
- Mentioned that August 29, 2025 is the first Austintown Fitch home football game.
- Thanked Austintown Generational Enrichment and Fireworks Committee.

TRUSTEE ROBERT SANTOS:

- Austintown Community Day is this Saturday from 11 am-4 pm. It is hosted by Biker Brewhouse, Cracker Barrel and Quaker Steak and Lube. All donations will be going to Guitars for Vets.
- Gave a congressional spending grant update.
- Gave a 9-1-1 Memorial Museum grant update.

TRUSTEE BRUCE SHEPAS:

- Thanked Austintown Generational Enrichment, Fireworks Committee and the racino for their 4th of July efforts, and thanked all volunteers.

RESOLUTION #25-08-04-09: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to recess to Executive Session at 6:20 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #25-08-04-10: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:45 pm.

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

RESOLUTION #25-08-04-11: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to approve Dave Schertzer's request to cash-out leave time.

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

RESOLUTION #25-08-04-12: Motion by Mrs. Deavers to adjourn at 8:45 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: 08-18-25



Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer

Approved: 

Bruce Shepas, Chairperson Board of Trustees