

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

EMERGENCY MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2025

An Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held November 22, 2025 at Austintown Elementary School, 245 Idaho Road, Austintown, OH 44515.

The meeting opened at 9:00 pm with a salute to the flag led by Trustee Robert Santos. Roll Call was as follows: Mrs. Deavers, present, Mr. Santos, present. Mr. Shepas Absent-Out-of-Town.

Also in attendance were Austintown Township Administrator Mark D'Apolito, Austintown Township Assistant Fire Chief Tom O'Hara, Austintown Township Police Sergeant David Yohman, Mahoning County Commissioner Geno DiFabio and Mahoning County Emergency Planning & 911 Administrator Conner O'Halloran,

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

RESOLUTION #25-11-22-01: Motion by Mr. Santos declaring a State of Emergency for the explosion at Austintown Studio Apartments/Phoenix House 850 North Meridian Road, Youngstown, OH 44509,

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

RESOLUTION #25-11-22-02: Motion by Mr. Santos to approve the use of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from Westchester Fund for emergency housing, if necessary.

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

Comments from Township Administrator Mark D'Apolito:

- Mr. D'Apolito advised the media that the meeting was being held in a classroom adjacent to the emergency shelter that was established through coordination between Austintown Township, Mahoning County EMA, Austintown Local

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Schools and various assistance from the State of Ohio.

- Austintown Township wants to thank all the Departments throughout the area that responded to assist with this disaster.
- Mr. D'Apolito expressed the Township's sincere thank you to all the local businesses and community members for their generosity and support.
- The community was reminded that the site remains an active emergency scene, and accordingly the Township is unable to provide details regarding the incident.
- Finally, as First Responders are still assessing the scene, questions would not be taken at this time.

RESOLUTION #25-11-22-03: Motion by Mr. Santos to adjourn meeting at 9:18 pm.

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

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: 11/24/25



Amy O'Brien, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Robert Santos, Trustees

**RESOLUTION
RES 25-11-22-01**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Austintown Township, Ohio has been or is immediately threatened by a Building Explosion, affecting 141 apartments housing elderly and disabled residents, hazard, in the form of Building Explosion which commenced or is estimated to commence on November 22, 2025 at approximately 12:50 P.M., and;

WHEREAS, the Building Explosion resulted in an immediate evacuation response of approximately 24 hours; however, we expect all residents to be permanently displaced and where it was necessary to effectively coordinate response and recovery efforts, and;

WHEREAS, with regards to the physically handicapped and mentally disabled residents we expect the response and needs to extend indefinitely, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Austintown Township Board of Trustees declare that a state of emergency exists in the county and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Ohio Revised Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the county for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of Austintown Township and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all public offices and employees of Austintown Township are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives – state and local.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operation plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Austintown Township.

It was moved by Trustee Santos and seconded by Trustee Deavers that he foregoing Resolution be approved on this 22nd day of November, 2025.

Roll call voting resulted:

Trustee Bruce N. Shepas	absent- out-of-state
Trustee Monica S. Deavers	aye
Trustee Robert J. Santos	aye



Robert J. Santos
Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Laura Wolfe, Fiscal Officer