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AUSTINBURG NEWS & VIEWS

Township Officials:

Township Fiscal Officer:

Kanda O'Dell – 216-409-0952
John Kusar – 440-275-0788 or 440-223-6511
Byron C Dutton II – 440-344-6433
Pete Haase – 440-344-6884 or 440-275-1537

Zoning Inspector:

Rob Lapuh – 440-812-0273
Office – 440-275-1378

Fire Chief:

William Wilms

Road Personnel:

Mike Petro – Road Superintendent
William Wilms – Cemetery Sexton
John Luban – Roadman

Meeting Dates:

Township Monthly Meetings:

1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall. **Please try to come!!**

Zoning Commission:

1st Wednesday of the month – 5:15pm in the Town Hall

Township Hall Phone – 440-275-1378

Township Garage – 440-275-3402

Website - austinburgtownship.org



From the Desk of the Fiscal Officer

Thank you again to the residents of Austinburg Township for supporting the renewal level for the road and bridge department this past fall. This year we received two grants from NOPEC totaling around \$9,000. One helped to support our Township Clean-Up Day. The other grant went to update the wiring and moving it underground between the Fire Department and the Townhall. You may have noticed that your property taxes went down a little bit. This was because of the Fire Department bond issue which is paying for our new fire truck. Due to more homes and business moving into the Township as well as the money we received from selling the old fire truck, the bond was able to be lowered. This year we didn't do a lot of expenditures because of inflation taking off. Just

like with your personal budgets we weren't prepared for the extra fees that were going to get added on to road supplies being delivered as well as utilities in general. We just tightened the budget so we could be better prepared for this year. Our big purchase was the new boom mower for the road department. The purchasing of this boom mower has been in the works for the past 2 years. We were able to purchase the boom mower without taking out a loan or using any money generated from levies. The money came from the gas tax we received from the county. We are very fortunate to have two truck stops in our Township providing us with this gas tax. As always please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Kanda O'Dell

Austinburg Township Fiscal Officer

Fire Department Corner

Welcome to another year in the books, your fire department was pretty busy last year running a total of 192 calls, up from 172 the previous year with a roster of 20 volunteers.

Did you know that it costs over \$3,000. To outfit a person with bunker gear, helmet, hoods, gloves, and boots? Our NFPA regulations last state that the gear needs to be replaced every 10 years to be in compliance. Recently we replaced 3 sets of gear as we have them on rotation to keep everyone in compliance but not break the bank as well. The older gear, if in good shape we donate to departments in other states that do not have to be NFPA compliant to make sure our brothers/sisters are protected to serve their communities as well. We have been upgrading equipment on our trucks as well, we have added some LED lighting to help us see better and for the public to see our trucks coming in case of emergencies. We have purchased some new battery-operated tools to be put on the trucks for crashes and a new battery operated/AC fan for ventilations. The new fan can be used inside homes and businesses to air out smoky conditions, sewer smells and burnt food smells without having to worry about the carbon monoxide produced by our big gas powered fan.

Below are pictures of old fire trucks the department used to have.

Assistant Chief

Todd Dutton 440-275-3450



Another year has flown by us again. Our awesome road crew has been enjoying this mild winter doing regular maintenance and getting adjusted to our new boom mower, cutting back brush and branches along our roads, opening up ditches. And may I say, "without doing daily repairs"!

Forman road dirt and drainage project should be completed mid-summer. Speaking of.....PLEASE SLOW DOWN around ALL road workers! I can't stress this enough! We need to keep our workers safe while maintaining and improving our roads! We have had some close calls!

I'm working on getting 8 trees removed from our township park and replacing the rotted split rail fence. The trees at the park are at the end of their life span and need to be removed due to liability issues. Looking to replace them with our local nursery. We also plan on getting something to plat at our town hall.

Our interstate corridor is rapidly changing and providing funds for our township. Our goal is to keep it all in our township. I never thought, growing up here, I would see farmland being turned into commercial and industrial growth.

On a bigger note, I'm trying to get some rough numbers together for a new fire station that would be located in front of our Route 45 township garage location. It's been talked about since the beginning of ????. Our community is grown fast except our fire department and staff. We have outgrown the old station and it is not energy efficient. This isn't a cheap project by any means and will have to on a levy for the citizens of Austinburg to decide on. And maybe, just maybe, get some "new" volunteers for our department. Want

to thank the Wilms family for keeping the fire department operational.

On a brighter note, spring is around the corner. Farmers are anxious to travel our roads for the new planting season. You do know they feed us..... right? So please slow down, give them space, breathe, reflect on life. It may just save a life!

Remember township meetings are 1st and 3rd Mondays! Please come and be a part of our community decisions.

**Peace to all,
Pete Haase, Trustee**



Hello Fellow Residents,

Another winter has gone by. Thankfully, it was a mild one. We still have quite a bit of work to do on the Forman Road upgrade project. Once we have the improvements completed, we will be applying for a state grant to pave the last section of Forman Road. This being said, please slow down in all construction zones. Not only in Austinburg, but any construction zone, so workers can go home to their families.

In 2022, we purchased a new boom mower to maintain the roadsides. The trustees have been discussing this for the last couple of years. Due to our strategic planning, we were able to pay for this piece of equipment in full.

The township trustees continue to work with the local, state, and federal officials to improve and develop of the I 90 corridor in our township. We currently have a new car dealership under construction and more to come. By developing the I 90 interchange, this significantly increases our tax base. In turn, we do not ask our residents for an increase in taxes.

Clean-up Day is scheduled on May 13th from 8 am until noon. We are looking forward to seeing you and help clean up our community.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

**John A Kusar
(440) 223 - 6511**

Hello Fellow Residents

As we break into Spring after such a mild Winter, I am wondering what type of Summer to expect.

We applied for and received \$218,000 in America relief funds that is supposed to be used to help offset our income lost from the Covid virus. This was a welcomed shot in the arm.

Because of the mild winter the road men were able to get more maintains work done. Forman road between Lampson and Allen is the final section that needed to be upgraded, with base improvement, ditches set back, and piping installed. They will be still working on this project in the summer. This was an Issue One Project, and we were able to get a grant for 29 percent of this project. We are looking to pave this section in 2024 and will be going after another Issue One grant for that project, to help offset the cost. Some of the projects that we were able to complete this last year:

- 1) We were able to purchase a Boom mower, to mow the berms and clean the ditches. We have been researching this for over a year because this was a major equipment purchase.
- 2) We put an overlayment of one and a half inches of pavement, on the roads in Ravinewood.
- 3) We started the dirt work on the Forman Road project.

This year should be a common year with roads being treated for dust control and mowing the berms. The road work on route 45 has been completed, and the left turn lanes at Clay Street have made traffic move more efficiency.

There are two more Car dealership being built next to the Honda dealership on Clay Street.
As always if you have questions, please ask as we are here to serve you.

**Your Faithful Servant
Byron Dutton II**



SUMMARY OF ELECTIONS HELD NOVEMBER 2, 1915

In November of 1915, Austinburg had one precinct. The summary sheet listed a total number of votes cast as 346. There were seven positions listed for the township. Many of the candidates were right ins.

For Township Trustee, there were 15 men listed with seven of them receiving between 40 and 60 votes each. Another 8 received one to three votes each. The clerk and treasurer positions only had one person running. Fourteen people received votes for Constable, with one receiving 65 votes, one receiving 8 votes, and the rest receiving one to three votes each. Ditch Supervisor had 8 people listed with the highest vote getter receiving 6 votes and the others just one. Assessor was more popular with the top two candidates receiving 41 and 33 votes each and another 4 receiving 1 each. Justice of the Peace was not a close race, with one candidate receiving 64 votes, one receiving 2 votes and the other nine receiving one vote each.

A proposed Amendment to the constitution for the "Prohibition of the Sale and Manufacture for Sale of Intoxicating Liquor as a Beverage", passed 182 to 56.

Ginny Seifert

Since the last time I wrote, a lot has changed in our township. As we are all aware, there has been a lot of development near our SR45/90 interchange. Within the last 18 months, Austinburg Township has welcomed a new Fairfield Inn Hotel, New Austinburg Truck Center and a Family Dollar. Also, Victory Automotive Group currently has a new Hyundai and Toyota Car Dealership under construction. I also would like to welcome the Station Coffee House, and Brathaus Custom Furniture located on the corner of SR307 and SR45.

As residents of Austinburg Township, we should all be excited for all the future possible growth we have to look forward too.

With the warm weather right around the corner, I would like to remind you that a zoning permit is required for all new residences, accessory structures, fences, pools (above and in ground) and decks.

Please keep in mind that our Zoning Committee is looking for a few good residents to become members. They meet the first Wednesday of every month @5:00pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (440)812-0273 or come see me Monday evenings from 5:30pm to 7:30pm or by appointment.

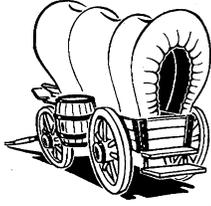
**Robert Lapuh
Austinburg Zoning Administrator**



Austinburg Country Days

August 25-27, 2023

Austinburg Township Park



This is the 50th Anniversary for Austinburg Country Days!!

Entertainment and fun for all ages!! Live music Friday, Saturday & Sunday! Pet show, magicians, balloon twisters, petting zoo, pony rides, kids games and activities and even Jungle Terry!!!

Please stop by and support many local food and craft vendors and be sure to visit the beer tent sponsored by Austinburg Volunteer Fire Department (all proceeds from the beer tent go to the fire department).

The Chinese Raffle will have over 50 prizes this year. Tickets will be 5 for \$1. Come buy some tickets for a chance to win some great prizes! Chinese Raffle will be held both Saturday and Sunday nights!!!

Friday, August 25th, 6pm – 10pm
Thunder Creek Band
Saturday, August 26th, Noon – 10pm
Band 6pm to 10pm
Bobby Hayes and the H2O Band
Sunday, August 27th, Noon – 8pm
Live Music all day!

Come out, support our community, enjoy some delicious food and great entertainment!!!



SUMMER MUSIC IN THE PARK

Summer concerts will be held in the Austinburg Park on Thursday evenings July 27th, August 3th, 10th & 17th. Concerts will begin at 7:00pm

Come out and enjoy the summer weather with some live music!!

Sponsored by Austinburg First United Church of Christ

***Additional nights may be announced at a later date. ***

Electronic Waste Recycling Event

A County-Wide Initiative presented by

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, AUSTINBURG & **Goodwill**
Northeast Ohio and Northwest Pennsylvania

Dell Reconnect

April 22nd * 9am-3pm
2870 Rt 307, Austinburg

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for more information: (440) 275-5125, austinburgfirstucc.org, or www.facebook.com/Austinburgfirstucc

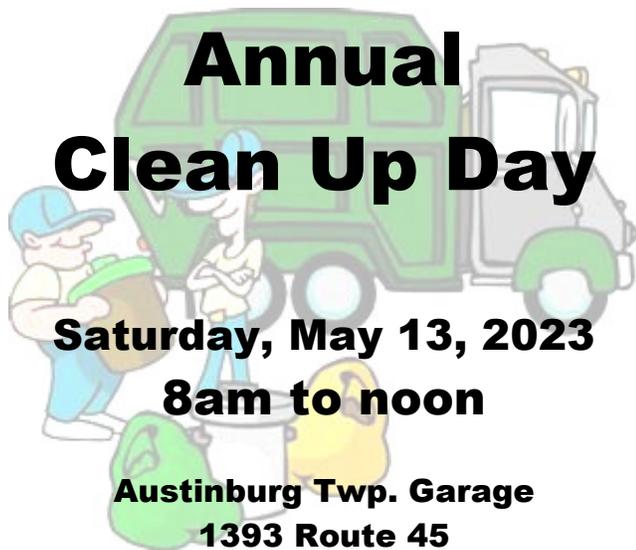


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**Saturday, May 13, 2023
8am to noon**

**Austinburg Twp. Garage
1393 Route 45**

**Keep our township
beautiful!!!!**



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**Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 29th 11:00am**

Parade route will begin at College/Mill
Street and Route 45.

Contact Kanda O' Dell @ (216) 409-0952 or
Marcy Hejduk @ (440) 812-7281 if you wish to
participate in the parade.