

Austinburg Township Minutes
January 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh, Bill Wilms and Brian O'Dell.

Res. 23-25 Pete moved to accept the minutes as written, John seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, absent. Kusal aye.

Res. 24-25 Pete moved to pay the bills, John seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, absent. Kusal, aye. Bills paid were \$24,309.27 and receipts were \$16,099.84.

In terms of correspondence we received a letter from NOPEC in regards to the NEC grant for 2025. We received a letter from the Ashtabula County Recorders office in regards to fees for zoning resolutions for 2025. We received our valuation for inside millage/levies outside. We received an email from Troy Bailey who is working with the America 250 Ashtabula County to plan for our county's 250th Anniversary in 2026. The purpose of his email is to inform us of an opportunity to provide our township with a Free Elm tree and marker to be planted in our township in 2026. We received an email in regards to migrating local government websites to the .gov domain. We received an email in regards to the USDA Forestry Grant for 2025.

The Fiscal Officer reported that her wage and the Trustees' wages for 2025 have gone down because we are below the threshold of funds we were at last year on the 2025 Compensation Chart from the Ohio Township Assoc.

Res. 25-25 John moved to apply for the NOPEC Community Grant Event Sponsor to be used for Austinburg Clean Up Day, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, absent. Kusal aye.

Res. 26-25 John moved to apply for the NOPEC NEC grant to be used to make things more energy efficient at the Township, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, absent. Kusal aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that we may have two new residences being built. John asked Rob to go check out the old Titan Building which has been sold to RTS in regards to the items sitting outside and not properly stored.

Fire Chief Bill said he appreciated the new lights on the outside of the fire station. Bill said that the fire department has already been busy with fire calls in the New Year.

Road Sup no report.

Pete said he went to the NAD meeting. Pete is still working on getting drawings for a new salt bin. John had also gotten a price on a salt bin to get some idea of what kind of money we are looking at spending. Pete got prices on taking down 6 trees in the park around the playground. We will wait until Byron is back before voting on it. We will need to look at lighting for Austinburg Country Days in the park because we currently use those trees to string lights from. John went over to the Ashtabula County Engineers Office in regards to the letter we sent about the issues on Forman Rd. John said Tim Martin from the County Engineers will check out to see what is going on. John also asked the County Engineers Office what the policy was on replacing culverts. Anything under 10 feet is the responsibility of the Township per the Ohio Revised Code. In Ashtabula County the policy is any culvert over 3 feet is the responsibility of the County not the Township to replace.

Res. 27-25 John moved to have Austinburg Clean Day on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Austinburg Township Garage, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, absent. Kusal aye.

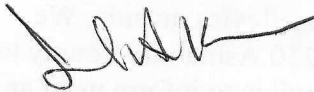
There were no questions or concerns from the residents.

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Res. 28-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, absent, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman