

Austinburg Township Minutes
June 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh, Ted Seifert, Laurie Robishaw, Brian O'Dell, Shawn J. Shannon, Genny Costanzo and Lorna Masek.

The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 87-25 Byron moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 88-25 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$50,919.15 and receipts were \$17,632.99.

In terms of correspondence, we received an email from the US Census Bureau that the Census Bureau has released the 2030 Census LUCA webpage. This webpage is to be used to help Townships prepare for the next Census Bureau. We received an email from the County Commissioners in regards to a public hearing on June 17, 2025 in regards to the consolidation and future location of the Ashtabula County Courts-Eastern and Western Divisions.

The Fiscal Officer reported that the two current Certificates of Deposits have expired at Andover Bank. Andover Bank can offer either 4.14% for a term of 5 months or 3.80% for a term of 11 months. As of May 21, 2025 Star Bank was at 4.44%. We need to decide so this can be handled otherwise because our CDs with Andover Bank aren't collecting any interest.

Res. 89-25 John moved to roll our 2 CDs to the 5 months CD at 4.14%, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported on the preliminary drawings for the proposed winery on the corner of Route 307 and Mechanicsville Road that will also include 8 cabins. Rob is going to look into the zoning text. Because the winery would be agricultural, there will be a business on top of a single parcel which causes a conflict. John said the winery would be agriculture but cabins would be residential. Byron suggested to reach out to Harpersfield Zoning because they currently having the similar situation by Sonny Lanes.

Fire Department no report.

Road Department no report.

Genny Costanzo is the NOPEC County Representative. Genny reported we have a balance of \$8,158 in grant money to use. We must use \$2,159 before the end of the year. The grants are calculated separate from the electric rates. Genny reported that the reason the electric rates are going up is because of the use of AI. AI uses 12 times the energy. The tariffs have also affected the increase of the cost of electricity.

Laurie Robishaw, Zoning Board Chairman, asked if it was ok to have five Zoning Board members attend the Zoning and Planning Conference. The Trustees had no problems with them attending.

Pete reported the OPWC round 40 has been submitted. The concrete pads for the park will be poured next week. Byron reported that the road guys have been working on chipping and sealing. They did a double coat on Lampson Road. There is a NAD meeting Tuesday and a Zoning Board meeting Wednesday. There will be a North Pelton Road waterline meeting Friday June 6, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Res. 90-25 Byron moved to accept a check from the Ohio State of Eagles for the Nickle Carnival put on by Shawn Shannon Mini Mart. In turn the check will run through our books and a check made out to Shawn Shannon for \$1,000, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Byron will get with Mike Petro to make sure the road closed signs are up for the Nickel Carnival on June 6, 2025.

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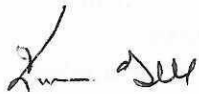
Res. 91-25 Byron moved to accept the payroll for the Austinburg Fire Dept., John seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Byron reported he spoke with ODOT to make sure we are on the list for 2026-2027 to get road grindings.

John reported he got a few calls about the condition of the cemeteries for Memorial Day. John said he spoke with Mike Petro about the cemeteries. Mike Petro said that a couple of headstones have been hit. John contacted MC Lawncare in regards to this issue. MC Lawncare will meet with Mike Petro to see what has been damaged. John reported that he has been getting several calls in regards to a strong smell of rotten food. The issue is coming from Rick Puckrin's home. Rob Lapuh the Zoning Administrator will stop at Puckrin's to see what is going on before we get the Health Dept involved.

Resident Shawn Shannon invited everyone to the Penny Carnival. Shawn asked if the fire truck could be there with its lights on just to help slow traffic down.

Res, 92-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman