

Austinburg Township Minutes  
May 19, 2025

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh, Ginny Seifert, Ted Seifert, Bill Wilms, Laurie Robishaw, Mike Petro, Lynn Egensperger, Scott Yamamoto, Kristen Matthews, Joe Hejduk Jr, Rory Lovejoy, Allison Sochia, Tyler Grof and Lorna Masek.

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

The Forman Road paving bids were open. There were 3 bids for this project.

Res. 81-25 John moved to go with Koski Construction for \$239,072.00 pending the Ashtabula County Prosecutor and the Ashtabula County Engineers Office approval, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 82-25 Byron moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 83-25 Byron moved to pay the bills; Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$26,123.48 and receipts were \$19,018.21.

In terms of correspondence, we received a letter from the Andover Bank providing the ACH Rules and Procedures which must be sent out annually. We received information from RLP Parsons Equipment. We received an email from the Ashtabula County Auditor's Office in regards to a list of new addresses issued in the townships for the Township Zoning department. We received an email from ODOT informing us that the Ohio Department of Transportation proposes to resurface SR 307 from SR 45 to SR 46 in Geneva and Saybrook townships & US 20 from the easterly Geneva Corp line to just east of Ninevah Rd within the village limits and in Austinburg & Jefferson townships. This is scheduled for spring of 2026. We received an email from the EMA office wanting to know if there is any place that needs to be cleaned up before we get severe weather.

The Fiscal Officer reported that we will be getting a credit from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for \$206.52 because of a reporting error. The Fiscal Officer reminded the Township Trustees she will not be at the next meeting. Sarah Frank the Zoning secretary will be covering for her.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported he issued a permit for a new resident. A letter will be sent to the Ashtabula County Prosecutor in regards to 2679 Millcreek that needs to be cleaned up.

Fire Department Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported about a practice drill with Austinburg Elementary scheduled for Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ashtabula County Auditor Scott Yamamoto was in attendance for this meeting. He has been going around visiting all the different Townships and Villages in the County. Trustee John Kusar asked about the different things going through the State that could affect the Townships, for example, getting rid of property tax and the doing away with replacement levies.

Road Department Supervisor Mike Petro reviewed the work to be done at the park. Mike reported he is looking to start chip n seal as soon as possible.

Res. 84-25 John moved to have John Schwentker place and finish the concrete pads under the bleachers in the Township Park for \$1,600, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Mike said he is starting a list of what equipment needs worked on and what the repairs will be. John would like to the State Highway Patrol to come down to the garage and inspect the trucks.

Pete is working on the OPWC paperwork for round 40 which would be for the Mill St and Betts Rd storm drainage repair. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. John went over the plans for Memorial Day. The horseshoe pits are going to be removed from the park. Austinburg

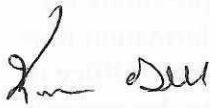
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Country Days is going to have children's rides this year at the festival. Austinburg Country Days carries insurance and the vendor carries insurance. We will contact our insurance company so they are also aware of the rides. On Clean up day we filled 6 dumpsters and 80 yards of scrap. John is working on the water and ditching issue on Allen Road.

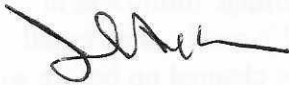
Resident Ted Seifert reported he attended the Ashtabula County Township Assoc meeting on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Lorna Masek thanked the road guys for putting in the new piping in the ditch. Laurie Robishaw handed the Trustees the submission for review of text amendment regarding Solar Panels/Systems for residential use.

Res. 85-25 Byron moved to have a public hearing on June 16, 2025 at 7:30 pm at the Austinburg Townhall to hear the "Proposed Text Amendment regarding Solar Panels/Systems for Residential use," Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.

Res. 86-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman