

Austinburg Township Meeting  
July 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Ted Seifert, Ginny Seifert, Lorna Masek, Laurie Robishaw, Gary Welch, Sam Patterson, Steve Schafer, Elaine Schafer, Bill Wilms, and Rob Lapuh.

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

Res. 109-25 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call;

Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 110-25 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$155,661.16 and receipts were \$17,204.68.

In terms of correspondence, we received a thank you letter from the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival for the donation of the portable restroom for Mechanicsville Rd bridge. We received two emails from the Ashtabula County Auditor in regards to a cemetery grant and a safety grant.

The Fiscal Officer reported that Fleming and Billman funeral home called her in regards to a way to pay for Indigent Burials through the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors. They will reimburse up to \$1,000.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh issued a permit for a new residence on Country View Lane and a permit for an accessory building on Forman Rd. Burger King restaurant is looking to put up new signs. John went over the request we put in the Matrix in regards to the ZBA creating a conditional use permit or does zoning need changed. Resident Gary Welch brought up his concerns with the brick house on the corner of Rt 45 and Rt 307. The building has new owners and they aren't keeping up with the mowing plus they have created a large garage pile not in any containers. Rob will reach out to try and figure out who owns the property.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the dispatching fees will be going up because of the new I am Responding app that is going out for the whole county.

Road Supervisor no report.

Pete reported on the paving project of Forman Road. Due to the issues with the bidding of Forman Road. The engineer's office suggested we move back the contract deadline for paving.

Res. 111-25 John moved to change the deadline for paving of Forman Rd from July 30 to Aug. 30, 2025 with Koski Construction, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

The foundation for the park lights are done. We will need to get a crane to put the lights on.

Res. 112-25 John moved to hire Mark's Crane Service to help with the installation of the park lights on an hourly basis, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Pete reported that the pavilions in the park are going to get painted. Pete reminded residents to watch planting trees in the road ride aways. Byron said there will be a meeting for the South Pelton Road water line. The water line should be going in August. John went over the prices of screened top soil.

Res. 113-25 John moved to go with Smoker's for a load of screened top soil to be used around the tree stumps and other things in the park, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

John is still working on getting play ground mulch. John is also working on getting quotes on spraying the guardrails.

Resident Gary Welch said he spoke with the water company in regards to his water bill. He was told by the water company that all of Austinburg is going to get an increase in our water

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bills. Byron said he was unaware of any kind of water increase and he serves on the water dept board. The Schafer's thanked the Township for getting the tree down at Orchard plus the clean-up was very good.

Res, 114-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman