

Austinburg Township Meeting
August 18, 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, Bill Wilms, Steve Schafer, Elaine Schafer, Corinne Ball, and Rob Lapuh.

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

Res. 120-25 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call;

Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 121-25 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye.

Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$22,632.34 and receipts were \$263,759.42.

In terms of correspondence, we received an email from NOPEC reminding us to use grant money before November 2025. We received a letter from KC and Tim Buy Land company in regards to buying property in Austinburg. We received a public records request for our Township's PO's.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported he issued a permit for a garage.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the 4-inch hose has been delivered and loaded on the fire trucks.

Road Supervisor no report.

The new principal of Austinburg Elementary, Corinne Ball, attended our meeting to introduce herself. Corinne is originally from Austinburg Township. She had been teaching at Geneva Middle School and was offered the job to be the principal at Austinburg Elementary.

Pete reported that Koski was going to start paving on Forman Road on Wednesday, August 20th. Pete said we need to take a better look at the Water Street project. Pete said the lights were almost all completed in the Township Park. Byron said he attended the NAD meeting. Byron will contact the Ashtabula County Engineers office to notify them on the paving on Forman Road. Byron reported that the fire hydrants and parts will be \$15,000 for 3 hydrants for the Pelton Road water line project. John had nothing to report other than we will be going into executive session.

Resident Elaine Shafer asked if the high weeds could be cut back by the Mechanicsville Bridge before the Covered Bridge festival. John explained that it is the County's responsibility but they will contact them. Ted Seifert asked where the Trustees were at with getting drawings for a new fire station. John reported at this time there are no plans because of the push to eliminate property tax. The Township isn't comfortable spending money on plans until we know what is going on with this property tax proposal.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.229 (G) (1) John moved that we enter into an executive session: To consider the appointment employment and compensation of a public employee at 7:52 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.

John moved to come out of executive session at 8.00 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.

No further business was discussed.

Res. 122-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman