

Austinburg Township Meeting
September 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Ted Seifert, Ginny Seifert, Don Schaeffer and Brian O'Dell.

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

Res. 123-25 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser aye.

Res. 124-25 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser, aye. Bills paid were \$44,170.19 and receipts were \$60,872.64.

In terms of correspondence, we received a letter from America 250-Ashtabula County requesting a donation for their 250th Anniversary of the United States of America celebration. We received a letter from the Ohio Department of Transportation in regards to the letter we sent in 2022 requesting a safety study at Route 45 and I 90. ODOT has approved funding to help fixing the safety issues. Construction is scheduled to occur in 2027. We received an email from the Ohio Dept of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management that they will be having a webinar on Tuesday September 10 at 1:00 pm to discuss 2025 Coastal Management Assistance Grants. We received an email from ODOT starting in the summer of 2026 there will be a chip and seal project from SR 307 starting east of SR 534 and ending at SR 45. We received a message from John Swanson on Dadeyville Road that he would like to see some signs posted like "Children at Play" or "Children with Special Needs." We received the Harpersfield newsletter.

Zoning Administrator no report.

Fire Chief no report.

Road Supervisor no report.

The Fiscal Officer reported she spoke with Nelson Hejduk in regards to some items that need to be fixed in the Townhall. The Fiscal Officer reported that she talked with Melanie Joslin about the health insurance that went into effect Sept. 1, 2025. There was a 6.89% increase this year and according to her that isn't bad. There will be a slight increase in deductibles with the policy. Everything else is pretty much the same as the previous policy. The Fiscal Officer reported we had received our onsite Inspections and valuations from OTARMA in regards to our Township building. The Fiscal Officer reported on the Certification of Estimated Resources sent back from the Budget Commission for January 1, 2026. The Fire Dept is having to go with the I am Responding App. It will cost about \$900 a year. Mike Petro reached out today saying that he needs to purchase more stone for the berming of Forman Road at a rough cost of about \$20,000.

Res. 125-25 John moved to certify the Certification of Estimated Resources for 2026, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser aye.

Res. 126-25 John moved to use the NOPEC grant to pay for all the new lights and the work to install them in the park, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser aye.

Pete reported that Forman Road is paved and most of the berming is complete. Pete thanked the Country Days Committee for all the work done on the Austinburg Country Days Festival. Byron reported on NAD. Byron reported there is a Zoning Meeting Wednesday September 3 at 6:00 pm. Byron will contact John Swanson to see what kind of signs he would like to see posted on the road. Byron also thanked the Country Days Committee. John asked the Fiscal Officer to check to see where we are with employees reaching the HRA this year. John says once the County Engineers Office signs off on the work done on Forman Road then we can pay the bill. John suggested that next year Country Days gets it own electrician to be on call for the weekend. The Trustees will make sure Frank Gildersleeve has everything ready to go before

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the festival. John suggested that we look at maybe putting a light over by the portable restroom in the park.

Resident Ted Seifert suggested that the Trustees write a letter thanking the Country Days Committee.

Res. 127-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman