

Austinburg Township Meeting
October 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Ted Seifert, Ginny Seifert, Elaine Schafer, Steve Schafer, Rob Lapuh, Bill Wilms, Lorna Masek and Brian O'Dell.

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

Res. 143-25 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 144-25 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$17,604.77 and receipts were \$2,357.98.

In terms of correspondence, we received an email from the County Auditors office just verifying what the balance is on our Fire Truck Bond. We received an email from Austinburg Zoning that there will be a public hearing November 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Townhall. This meeting is in regards to the multi retail unit buildings. We received an email that NOPEC's general assembly will meet November 18, 2025 at 10:30 am in Twinsburg Ohio. We received an email that there is Lattes with Legislators at the Geneva Public Library Friday, October 24, 2025 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported he had a call from Montrose as to what steps they must take to parcel off the area on Route 45. Rob reported he hasn't seen any drawings yet for the building going in at the old Mr C's.

Fire Department Bill Wilms reported that ladder testing is getting done. Bill reported that Fire Prevention was done with Austinburg Elementary. Resident Ted Seifert asked if he could get a fire hydrant marker put up on the fire hydrant by his home.

Road Supervisor no report.

Pete asked about getting trees planted before the end of the year. John also mentioned about putting up one more light in the park. Pete asked if Mike Petro said anything about the Woodside drainage issue. Pete also asked if Mike Petro said anything about the Ravinewood drainage issue getting fixed. Byron reported on the NAD meeting. Byron reported that he had a resident on 1086 Orchard Grove Dr contact him about a tree splitting near her property. Byron will contact the County to have it surveyed to see if the tree is on the Township property right away. Byron reported that the carpet was stretched. Byron went to the wind and energy meeting. Byron asked if there were any questions in regards to what the zone board is proposing about solar panels. John had a call about a homeless couple sleeping in the Township Park. John asked Mike Petro to put up signs that the park is closed from dusk to dawn. Once the signs go up then we can enforce from dusk to dawn. John said he was only able to get one quote from Arms' Trucking because no one else can get salt.

Res. 145-25 John moved to order salt from Arm's Trucking for \$81.50 per ton, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

John went over the price of ice grits. John compared the price of Simak's and Arm's trucking from last years price.

Res. 146-25 John moved to go with Simak Trucking for ice grits for \$25.50 per ton, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

John said he spoke with State Rep. David Thomas about this proposed property tax. It will be on the ballot in 2026. There is a bill in the Senate that will give the Township income tax collected from the State. The schools will be self-governing. They will be able to put sales tax on without being voted on by the State. Right now, it looks like sales tax in a county like Ashtabula will be 13 to 15 percent. The funds that the Township gets will not be able to cover Fire Dept or

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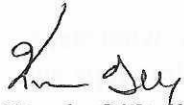
EMS expenses so the County must figure out how to cover these costs. This means cutting Fire Departments and EMS services. This also affects the Sheriff Department.

Resident Elaine Schafer asked if there was still a noise abatement from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am. Elaine Schafer asked what the safety concerns at Interstate 90 changes are. John explained that ODOT is going to be looking at putting in more traffic lights and synchronizing them. Lorna Masek expressed concerns with the Purple Goat Farm parking on Lampson Road.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.229 (G) (1) John moved that we enter into an executive session at 8:12 pm: To consider the appointment, employment, and compensation of a public employee, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.

John moved to come out of executive session at 8:40 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.

Res. 147-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman