

Austinburg Township Meeting  
November 3, 2025

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Ted Seifert, Ginny Seifert, Laurie Robishaw, Todd Webb, Tim Baumgarten, Rob Lapuh and Brian O'Dell.

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

Res. 148-25 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser aye.

Res. 149-25 John moved to pay the bills, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser, aye. Bills paid were \$24,594.78 and receipts were \$17,776.00.

In terms of correspondence, we received the paperwork from RKPT in regards to Uniti Group Inc./Windstream Kinetic Ownership Change. We received an email from NOPEC in regards to electricity pricing for 2026.

The Fiscal Officer reported that one CD at Andover Bank has rolled over again for another 5 months at 4% and the other CD at Andover Bank will roll over in two weeks for months at 4%. The Fiscal Officer reported that she and Trustee Pete Haase met with Hudson Communications. They went over their services and prices for helping with Cyber Security. The Fiscal Officer reported we need to finish the OPWC grant for project number CG45AB/CG46AB so we can request reimbursement back to us.

Res. 150-25 John made a resolution declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of the Austinburg Township of Ashtabula County on behalf of the State of Ohio to reimburse its Gas Tax fund 2021 for the CG45AB/CG46AB, Forman Road paving phase II (Allen to Lampson Road) with the proceeds of Tax-Exempt debt of the State of Ohio, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser aye.

Res. 151-25 Byron moved to go with Hudson Communications, LLC for the handling of our computers and cyber security for \$11,736.00 for 1 year, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that he issued a permit for a new accessory structure. Rob also reached out to the County Assistant Prosecutor in regards to the Millcreek property.

Fire Department no report.

Road Supervisor no report.

Pete asked if the other Trustees had stopped at the park to see where he marked spots for the planting of new trees.

Res. 152-25 Pete moved to purchase 5 trees from Tree Tyme Nursery to plant in the park before the end of the year, John seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kuser aye.

Pete is working on getting some prices on spray foam to help seal the holes in the Townhall basement. Pete is still working on getting quotes from commercial service companies to clean and do maintenance on our Township furnaces. Pete is going to get prices on replacing the panels on some of the overhead doors at the fire station and road garage. Pete reported on a used wood chipper at Leppo Rental. Pete will get more information on the wood chipper.

Byron discussed the proposal that Todd Webb and Tim Baumgarten brought to the meeting. They would like to acquire the vacated property between their homes. Byron will reach out to the County Engineers to see what their policy is on vacated property plus then reach out to the County Prosecutor. Byron said there is a NAD meeting Tuesday night and a Zoning Township meeting Wednesday.

John reported that several residents on Forman Road got letters saying that they need to raise their mailboxes up because of Forman Road being paved. John said that Road Sup Mike

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Petro said we need to get new tires on the International Truck. John went over the clothing allowances.

Res. 153-25 Pete moved to give all three roadmen a clothing allowance of \$400, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Resident Laurie Robishaw reminded everyone about the Public Zoning meeting Wednesday. Ted Seifert asked if anything was discussed after the last meeting when the Trustees went in to executive session. John explained that the talk was in regards to vacations and personal days for our Road Department workers.

Res. 154-25 John moved to approve the updated vacation and personal days for the Road Department Workers and a copy will be placed in our Township Work Rules as well as one will be on file at the Road Department, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 155-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman