

Austinburg Township Meeting
November 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were David Gottwig, Nancy Deligianis, Sophia Bailey, Laurie Robishaw, Rob Lapuh, Bill Wilms and Brian O'Dell.

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

Res. 156-25 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 157-25 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$18,008.95 and receipts were \$119,172.06.

In terms of correspondence, we received an email from the Ashtabula County Twp Assoc that the next meeting is Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 pm at the Ashtabula County Engineer's Office. The swearing in of newly elected officials will be Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 pm at the County Commissioners' meeting room. Received an email from the Ashtabula County Auditors Office in regards to the online Ohio Grant Summit which is scheduled for Dec. 9-11 from 9:00 am to noon.

The Fiscal Officer reported that we have received our disbursement check from OPWC for the Forman Road paving project. The Fiscal Officer reported that we have secured from NOPEC the rate of 8.5% fixed for electricity starting Jan 1st 2026 running through Dec. 2026. The Fiscal Officer reported the 2 CDs at Andover Bank did roll over at Andover Bank for 5 months with a rate of 4.04%.

Res. 158-25 John moved to accept rolling over the 2 CDs with Andover bank Austinburg for 5 months at 4.04%, Byron second. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that he had not heard any updates on the proposed new hotel. Rob also hasn't been able to find out what is going on with the clearing of the land past Save A Lot.

Fire Department Chief Bill Wilms reported that the fuel gauge on fire truck 501 is acting up and may need to be worked on.

Road Supervisor no report.

Zoning Board Chairman Laurie Robishaw requested that another inquiry be sent in to the Matrix in regards to solar panels. Laurie reported they held their Public Hearing. The next step is to take the paperwork to the Planning Commission then to the Township Trustees.

Pete went over the quotes to service the furnaces for the Townhall, Fire Dept and R&B garage (new and old).

Res. 159-25 Pete moved to hire JTA HVAC Inc for \$850 to service the furnaces, John seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Pete received an email from ODOT that they will be closing Route 45 from Lampson to Allen Road next year for 14 days for culvert repair. Pete went over the quotes for spray foam insulation to be put in the basement of the Townhall. The idea was tabled until next year to see about maybe using NOPEC grant money if they offer it. Pete went over the woodchipper for the R&B department. Pete, Byron and Road Sup Mike Petro have all gone to check out the woodchipper.

Res. 160-25 Pete moved to purchase the woodchipper for \$25,000 from Leppo Rental in Perry, Ohio, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Byron reported on what he had found out about how to deal with vacated property off Lampson Road that was part of the old bridge that crossed the Grand River. Byron spoke with the County Engineers Office in regards to vacated property. Byron will submit an inquiry in

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Matrix to verify the information is correct from the County Engineers Office once he gets the forms.

John spoke with Road Sup Mike Petro about rolling over Roadman Anthony Maley's one vacation to next year. The other Trustees had no issues with that. John announced we will be going into executive session at the end of the regular meeting.

Resident Sophia Bailey presented her Eagle Scout Project Proposal for the Austinburg Township Park for 2026. Sophia's proposal includes building a GaGa Pit and a Music wall.

John moved to accept Sophia Bailey's proposal for her Eagle Scout Project, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.229 (G) (1) John moved that we enter into an executive session at 8:10 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 9:00 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.

No Business was discussed.

Res. 161-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman