

Austinburg Township Minutes
December 29, 2025

The year-end meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh, Jackson Wilms, Ted Seifert, and Bill Wilms.

Fire Dependency Board was called to order by Secretary Ted Seifert and seconded by Fire Chief Bill Wilms. Secretary Ted Seifert started the meeting at 7:30 pm. Present for the meeting was Jackson Wilms Fire Fighter, Rob Lupah Fire Fighter, rep for the board Ted Seifert, Fire Chief Bill Wilms and Trustee John Kusar was the representative for the Trustees. Ted Seifert reported that to his knowledge there were no cases to report and all is in order. Motion to adjourn by Trustee John Kusar and seconded by Rob Lupah at 7:33 pm and all were in favor to close the meeting.

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

Res. 178-25 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded.

The Roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 179-25 John moved to pay the bills, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$12,849.22 and receipts were \$ 17,712.50.

In terms of correspondence, we received an email from NOPEC that the Community Event Sponsorship for 2026 is open for \$500. We received an email from the Ashtabula County Auditors office in regards to the new resolutions for submitting levies starting in 2026.

The Fiscal Officer reminded the newly elected Trustees that she needs their swearing in forms for the insurance bond.

The Fiscal Officer presented Temporary Appropriations to the Board of Trustees in the amount of \$1,510,330.34 for 2026.

Res. 180-25 John moved to accept the temporary appropriations for 2026, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh had nothing to report. Trustee John Kusar asked if anyone had reached out to him about the new winery and the proposed rentals at the corner of Route 307 and Mechanicsville.

Fire Department Chief Bill Wilms reported that the fire department will be having to look at possibly purchasing new SCBA's. This will be a large expense for the fire department.

Road Supervisor no report.

Pete said that we are still waiting on the new heat exchanger for the furnace in the fire station. Byron reported on the water line advisor board meeting. The water company is looking to run water to the Harpersfield line to the point of College Street and Route 307 to make a continuous loop. Byron verified that we will be having our organizational meeting at our next meeting Jan. 5, 2026 at 7:30 pm. John had nothing to report.

Resident Ted Seifert asked where the Trustees were on getting drawings for the Fire Department. Trustee John Kusar reported that the plans were on hold for drawings right now.

Res. 181-25 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman