

Austinburg Township Minutes  
April 6, 2026

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh, Ted Seifert, David Gottwig, Ginny Seifert, Mike Petro Jr. Nelson Hejduk and Brian O'Dell.

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

Res. 56-26 Byron moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 57-26 Pete moved to pay the bills, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$46,709.44 and receipts were \$428,643.21.

In terms of correspondence, we received a letter from the Ashtabula County Treasurer in regards to an Order of Forfeiture of land at 3000 Schweitzer Road, Rock Creek, Ohio 44084. We received an email from NOPEC there will be a Community Electric Information Meeting for Ashtabula County April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Henderson Library in Jefferson, Ohio.

The Fiscal Officer reported that we have been approved for the NOPEC NEC grant for 2026. The Fiscal Officer reported that she wanted on record the minutes from the past couple of meetings that shows Trustee Dutton absent at adjournment as being incorrect. Byron was at the meetings. The Fiscal Officer reported that we have reached an agreement with Spectrum for installing the cameras at the Townhall and Road Dept. Spectrum will also be finally implementing the RingCentral System for the Townhall, Road Dept and Fire station. The cost for installation will be \$4,495. The Fiscal Officer reported that Hudson Communications will be taking over all management of firewalls and networks to manage the cameras and internet security for \$5,981.60. This cost includes installation and management for one year.

Res. 58-26 Byron moved to go with Spectrum for the cameras and the RingCentral System for \$4,4495, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 59-26 Byron moved to go with Hudson Communications for firewalls and network management for internet for \$5,981.60, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported that the Port Authority was questioning the zoning code on the property on Nelson Dr. Rob issued an accessory structure permit on Chapel Road.

Fire Chie Bill Wilms no report.

Road Dept. Mike Petro Jr reported the MAC truck needs some repairs. Mike reported that the Buckeye Trees have been picked up.

Pete asked where we were at getting the lines painted on Forman Road. Pete would like to see one of the trees planted at the Townhall and one/two planted at the Road Dept. Byron reported he was asked if our Township would pay for the cost of a portable restroom for the 250th Celebration in Jefferson this year. The cost of the portable restroom would be \$180.

Res. 60-26 Byron moved to sponsor the portable restroom for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration in Jefferson, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Byron did get a flash drive with the results from the Industrial Park ditching. Byron reported there is a NAD meeting on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Byron said we need to do another resolution to vacate a portion of Tote Rd.

Res. 61-26 John moved to vacate a portion of Tote Rd coming of Lampson Rd, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye. John went over the Memorial Day parade which will be on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. John will get a speaker; Rob will notify the fire department; Byron will check with the VFW and Kanda/Brian will check with the Geneva band. John reported on getting quotes on a new truck

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for the road department. John sent a list to two dealerships with the things that need to be on the truck. The earliest we can get a gas truck would be October if we order it by the end of May. The current pickup truck will not be used toward trade in. John went over the mowing quotes; there were 3 quotes to go over.

Res. 62-26 John moved to go with Canter's Classic Lawncare for \$15,000 for the mowing of the cemeteries for 2026, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

John spoke with Tod Mogren about taking down the trees that are dead around the Township. John suggested that the three Trustees take a ride around the Township and decide which trees need to come down. John said the front door of the Townhall needs to be repaired/replaced and also the front steps of the Townhall need to be repaired/replaced. John said we need to get quotes for the doors and drawings for the steps. John suggested possibly making the steps handicapped accessible since we must replace the steps. More discussion to come on the steps and handicap accessibility.

Residents Nelson Hejduk asked about the water issues with drainage on Betts Dr and Maple Dr. Nelson Hejduk questioned why the generator at the fire department can't run the lights at the Townhall. Pete explained the generator was set up to run the fire department building as a whole and only the furnaces at the Townhall. Ted Seifert asked what was happening with the down trees in the cemetery. John explained we just heard back from the insurance adjustor and we can now start cleaning up the trees. We can't move the tombstones until he comes out to view the damage in person.

Res. 63-26 Pete moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman