

Austinburg Township Minutes
June 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Rob Lapuh, Mark Byram, Ron Duff, Laurie Robishaw, and Bill Wilms.

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

Res. 92-26 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call: Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar aye.

Res. 93-26 John moved to pay the bills, Byron seconded. The roll call: Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$35,111.41 and receipts were \$3,150.00.

In terms of correspondence, we received an email with a list of equipment that Harpersfield Township is selling. We also received a letter from the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival requesting that the Township cover the cost of a portable restroom at Mechanicsville Bridge for the festival weekend. The cost of the portable restroom will be \$110. Additionally, we received a voicemail from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regarding the letter the Trustees sent requesting assistance with the cleanup of phone lines and related infrastructure. PUCO stated that it does not have jurisdiction over these matters and advised us to contact the Ohio Department of Commerce. We also received a letter from the Austinburg Zoning Commission regarding proposed new data centers within the Township.

Res. 94-26 John moved to pay for the portable restroom at the Mechanicsville Bridge for the Covered Bridge Festival, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The Fiscal Officer reported that it is time to renew our Special Assessments for 2026 tax bills for street lights.

Res. 95-26 John moved to keep the Township special assessments in regards to our street lights, project numbers #21-026, #21-027, and #21-083, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The Fiscal Officer reported that we received the OTARMA appointment of representative and alternate form to be filled out. We also need to appoint who is going to be the representative and the alternate.

Res. 96-26 John moved to have Kanda O'Dell be the representative and the alternate will be Chairman of the Trustees John Kusar, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

The Fiscal Officer reported that we received the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue for the Current Expenses levy and for the Fire Dept levy from the County Auditor. We now need to do a Resolution to Proceed for both levies. The Current Expenses levy for 1 mill to be placed on the Nov. 3, 2026 ballot is a renewal. The Fire Levy for 1.4 mill to be placed on the Nov. 3, 2026 ballot is a renewal with an increase.

Res. 97-26 John moved to do a Resolution to Proceed with the Current Expenses Levy renewal for 1 mill to be placed on the Nov. 3, 2026 ballot, Pete seconded. The roll call; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 98-26 John moved to do a Resolution to Proceed with the Fire Levy renewal with an increase for 1.4 mills to be placed on the Nov. 3, 2026 ballot, Byron seconded. The roll call; Haase aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported there will be two new homes going up on Mechanicsville Road. Rob will be meeting with the company building the new business at the old Mr. C's in regards to parking, etc.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that the fire trucks will be going in for pump tests. The trucks will also be sent in for PMI.

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the updates and modifications that would be required, it was decided to move forward with constructing a new fire station on the property in front of the Road Department, which is already owned by the Township. John will contact Smolen to begin preparing drawings for the new fire station, with the goal of having them completed by early 2027.

Residents had no concerns.

Res. 104-26 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm, Pete seconded. The roll call: Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman