

Austinburg Township Minutes

October 5, 2026

The regular meeting of the Austinburg Township Board of Trustees opened at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Brian O'Dell, Rob Lapuh, Mark Byram, Laurie Robishaw, Lorna Masek, Bill Wilms, Ted Seifert, Jeremy Hall, Ginny Seifert, Michael Petro, Ryan Ellis and Matthew Ellis.

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

Res. 136-26 John moved to accept the minutes as written, Pete seconded. The roll call: Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 137-26 John moved to pay the bills, Pete seconded. The roll call: Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye. Bills paid were \$32,274.81 and receipts were \$6,637.89.

In terms of correspondence, we received a flyer from One-On-One Training in regards to training for CDL's.

Zoning Administrator Rob Lapuh reported there are two new residences on Mechanicsville Road. Rob is meeting on Wednesday Oct. 7 with the contractor and owner of the new hotel. The new hotel is a Home 2 Suites.

Fire Chief Bill Wilms reported that Fire Truck 503 needs a new fuel tank. He stated that he plans to have the truck undercoated while it is out of service for the fuel tank repair. John provided the Fire Chief with the preliminary plans for the proposed new fire station and asked the Fire Department to review them. Resident Jeremy Hall asked whom he should contact regarding debris remaining on Clay Street following a motorcycle accident. John advised him to contact the County, as Clay Street is a county road.

Road Dept. Michael reported they will start working on the ditch on Chestnut St off Route 45. Resident Lorna Masek thanked the road department for doing a great job mowing the ditches. Michael asked if they were okay to get new tires on the MAC and brakes on the International.

Res. 138-26 John moved to get the tires replaced at Bob Sumerel under the Sourcewell agreement for the MAC, Byron seconded. The roll call: Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Res. 139-26 John moved to go with R.J. Barbe's Garage to have the rear brakes done on the International, Pete seconded. The roll call: Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Pete went over 2 quotes for electrical repair: one from Titan Electrical and one from Harmon Electric. There is work that needs to be done at the Road Department.

Res. 140-26 Pete moved to hire Titan Electrical Contracting for the calendar year of 2026 for general maintenance of electrical work, John seconded. The roll call: Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Byron reminded the Road Department to service the generators at the Road Department and Fire Station. Pete reviewed two quotes for the removal of six trees, including four trees in the park and two trees on Thiel Road. The quotes were submitted by Brobst Tree Service and Millgate Tree Service. John requested that the stumps also be ground at the time of tree removal.

Res. 141-26 Pete moved to approve the removal of all six trees by Brobst Tree Service, including four trees in the park and two trees on Thiel Road, along with the grinding of three stumps. The cost for tree removal is \$6,900, with an additional cost of up to \$2,000 for stump grinding, Byron seconded. The roll call: Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

Byron reported that the AEDs have been returned. One AED is designated for the Fire Station, one for the Town Hall, and one for the Road Department. The AED pads are compatible with NAD's pads and will connect automatically. Each AED also contains one canister of Narceine. Byron reported that the NAD meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, and the Township Zoning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7. John reported that he received two quotes for ice grits, one from Arms Trucking and one from Simak Trucking.

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Res. 142-26 John moved to go with Arms trucking for ice grits at \$26.00 a ton, Byron seconded. The roll call: Haase, aye. Dutton, aye. Kusar, aye.

John reported that he heard back from the dealer regarding the new one-ton pickup truck. The dealer has completed building the truck. John asked the other Trustees to conduct their own research on data centers. He would like the Trustees to reach a decision on whether they support or oppose data centers so they can provide the Zoning Board with direction on how to proceed. Zoning Chairman Laurie Robishaw stated that the email she sent to the Trustees contains links to factual information to assist with their research on data centers. Laurie also reported that, based on her research, regulating solar power facilities and data centers is the best way to address these developments. John notified the residents that the Trustees would be entering into executive session.

The residents had no comments.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.229 (G) (1) John moved that we enter into an executive session at 8:06 pm: To consider the appointment, employment, and compensation of a public employee, Pete seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.

John moved to come out of executive session at 8:26 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.

No Business was discussed.

Res. 143-26 John moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm, Byron seconded. The roll; Haase aye. Dutton, aye, Kusar, aye.



Kanda O'Dell, Fiscal Officer



John Kusar, Chairman