

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, September 14, 2015, at the Township Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 6:00 P.M. with a salute to the flag led by Chairperson James C. Davis. Roll Call was as follows: Mr. Davis, present; Mr. Carano, present; and Mr. Stauffer, present.

Mr. Davis introduced the Board Members, Department Heads, and Sergeant at Arms.

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-01: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2015. Mr. Carano seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Carano, yes; Mr. Stauffer, yes; and Mr. Davis, yes.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report of August 2015 was received

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report of August 2015 was received

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report of August 2015 was received

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report of August 2015 was received

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-02: Motion by Mr. Carano to approve the following:

RESOLUTION

The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, meeting on Monday, September 14, 2015, did adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township has determined that the following properties constitute a nuisance pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.87:

1259 Bexley Drive

Parcel No. 48-118-0-056.000

Dead tree in rear yard leaning toward adjacent property;

2957 Collinwood Place

Parcel No. 48-022-0-053.000

Garbage, junk and debris stored in an exposed with in the yard area and an above-ground swimming pool with stagnate water that must be cleaned or removed;

3674 Crum Road

Parcel No. 48-036-0-027.000

Junk and debris in front of detached garage covered with tarp;

6505 Fairview Road

Parcel No. 48-061-0-002.000

High grass and weeds;

90 Forest Hill Drive

Parcel No. 48-010-0-233.000

High grass and weeds and an unsecured rear door to leading to the house and garage in need of securance;

2064 Innwood Drive

Parcel No. 48-107-0-029.000

Junk and debris including used tires, scrap wood, and branches stored in an exposed manner within the rear yard;

2918 Kirkhaven Drive

Parcel No. 48-074-0-130.00-0

Exterior property flea infestation;

**5778 Yorktown Lane
Parcel 48-096-0-074
Trash and mattress at curb;**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township that the above constitutes a nuisance and the property owners are hereby **ORDERED** to abate, control, or remove said nuisances:

If said nuisances is not abated, controlled or provision for its abatement, control, or removal is not made within **SEVEN (7) DAYS** from the below date of adoption, the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will provide for the abatement, control, or removal, and any expenses incurred - **\$500 minimum** - by the Board of Trustees in performing that task will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

Mr. Stauffer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Stauffer, yes; Mr. Davis, yes; and Mr. Carano, yes.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report of August 2015 was received

Park Supervisor, Todd Shaffer announced on 9/20/15 there will be a Benefit Softball game for Saving Second Base and on 9/27/15 Disney is hosting Choo Choo Soul in the Band Shelter at the park.

SENIOR CENTER

Jim Henshaw Director of the Senior Center stated the Center has 1700 plus members.

NEW BUSINESS

ADVANCES

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-03: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to approve a \$35,000.00 Advance from General Fund (1000) to Zoning (2181). Mr. Carano seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Carano, yes; and Mr. Stauffer, yes.

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-04: Motion by Mr. Carano to approve increase in price charged for opening and closing graves for residence from \$400.00 to \$450.00 and \$425.00 to \$475.00 for non-residence, due to the increase in rates from our excavator.

Mr. Stauffer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Carano, yes; Mr. Stauffer, yes; and Mr. Davis, yes.

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-05: Motion by Mr. Carano to **not request a hearing** on Notice to Legislative Authority – New Permit to fifth season Inc. DBA the Fifth Season at California Palms Hotel, 1051 N. Canfield Niles Rd., Austintown Township, Austintown, OH 44515, Permit Number 27145600010-Permit Classes D5A.

Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Stauffer, no; Mr. Davis, yes; and Mr. Carano, yes. Police Chief Gavalier objected.

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-06: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to **not request a hearing** on Notice to Legislative Authority - Application for change of corporate stock ownership: Wedgewood NFS Inc., 1715 S. Raccoon Rd., Austintown Township, Austintown, OH 44515; Permit Number 9463043 - Permit Class B.

Mr. Carano seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Carano, yes; and Mr. Stauffer, yes. Police Chief Gavalier had no objections.

PUBLIC RESPONSE

ON CAMERA:

Seth Welch – 1349 Ohltown Road; Presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Board of Trustees. The project is estimated at \$8,000. He asked for support as well as donations.

OFF CAMERA:

Sam Pitzulo – 427 S. Broad Street, Canfield, OH 44406; Requested clarification on the letter he received regarding the cutting of grass on empty lots. He normally cuts the grass back 15 ft. and was concerned with the change to the full 200 ft.

Mr. Carano stated that the Board will look into the complaints and discuss with him.

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

FISCAL OFFICER LAURA L. WOLFE:

Wolfe mentioned the 9-11 Memorial Service. She talked about the Canfield Fair. Wolfe also noted that the budget was getting “tight” in some areas and will have to be monitored more closely.

TRUSTEE KENNETH A. CARANO:

Carano thanked all those involved with the 9-11 Memorial Service at Township Park. He mentioned the Fitch Football game; the ceremony honoring Brian Newhard where the Fitch Band played TAPS. Carano followed up on the request for donations to the log cabin stating that Ed Reese was donating the \$3,500 for the roof and in the same day another anonymous donor is giving \$3,500 as well. He apologized to the individuals and businesses that have been negative impacted by the Queen of Hearts drawing at Barry Dyngles. Carano congratulated Rulli Bros. for being in business for 98 years. He is excited that horseracing is returning to Hollywood Gaming. Carano briefly mentioned the California Palms & Fifth Season in regards to their liquor license. He is hoping they will do the right thing.

TRUSTEE JAMES C. DAVIS:

Davis mentioned the Queen of Hearts drawing and the fact that Barry Dyngles has paid to have additional police officers on location on Wednesday nights. He promoted the coming of Disney's Choo Choo Soul to the Township Park. Davis also recounted his memories of the Canfield Fair. He recounted his status as of September 11, 2001 as a deputy sheriff. Davis thanked Pat Connolly and Sam Swoger as well as OSHP Sgt. Jeff Greene. He sent his condolences to the family of Brian Newhard. Davis also sent condolences to the family of Chris Ludt, retired Austintown FF.

TRUSTEE RICHARD A. STAUFFER:

Stauffer also mentioned the 9-11 Memorial Service and thanked Pat Connolly and Sam Swoger for their dedication. He mentioned Patriot's Night at Quaker Steak and Lube and thanked Ken Jakubec for his participation. Stauffer talked about the Canfield Fair briefly. He talked about Breaking Point, a new detox and recovery facility that is opening in the former ER building on SR 46. Stauffer invited all to attend the Tony Evans event at Highway Tabernacle Church. He mentioned that Deanna Hosey had entered into hospice care and that there will be a benefit spaghetti dinner on her behalf on October 3, from 12 – 4:00pm. Stauffer also promoted the Coats for Kids campaign sponsored by the Rotary Club. He went on to explain his objection to the Fifth Season's liquor license as to the location and the California Palms owner.

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-07: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to recess into Executive Session at 7:08 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, discipline or compensation of public employees. Mr. Carano seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Carano, yes; Mr. Stauffer, yes and Mr. Davis, yes.

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-08: Motion by Mr. Carano to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:30 P.M. Mr. Stauffer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Stauffer, yes; Mr. Davis, yes; and Mr. Carano, yes.

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-09: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to accept the written resignation of Brent W. Frank, Austintown Reserve Police Officer, effective August 27, 2015. Mr. Carano seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Carano, yes; and Mr. Stauffer, yes.

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-10: Motion by Mr. Carano to accept the written resignation of Sarah Whitaker, Austintown Police Officer, effective August 31, 2015. Mr. Stauffer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Carano, yes; Mr. Stauffer, yes; and Mr. Davis, yes.

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-11: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to accept the written resignation of Keith Rosser, Part Time Fire Fighter, Austintown, effective September 1, 2015. Mr. Carano seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Stauffer, yes; Mr. Davis, yes; and Mr. Carano, yes.

RESOLUTION #15-09-14-12: Motion by Mr. Carano to adjourn at 8:35 P.M. Mr. Stauffer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Carano, yes; and Mr. Stauffer, yes.

This is to certify that the foregoing is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board of township trustees at its meeting held on the date listed above.

Date: _____

Fiscal Officer

Approved:

Chairperson Board of Trustees