

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, November 9, 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 #15-11-09-01: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 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 October 2015 was received

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report of October 2015 was received

Police Chief Gavalier announced that the D.A.R.E program with Officer Toth will continue in 2016 with the Grant that was received.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report of October 2015 was received

Fire Chief Andy Frost thanked Briarfield, Canfield, and Weathersfield Fire Departments as well as Lanes, the Bus Garage and the Senior Center for

their support in helping evacuate to residents of Briarfield at Ashley Circle during the recent fire there.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report of October 2015 was received

RESOLUTION #15-11-09-02: Motion by Mr. Carano to approve the following:

RESOLUTION

The **Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, Ohio,** meeting on **Monday, November 09, 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:

**2738 Bainbridge Street
Parcel No. 48-004-0-056.000
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner within the carport;**

**475 South Edgehill Avenue
Parcel No. 48-095-0-277.000
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner at the west side of the property;**

**111 Parkgate Avenue
Parcel No. 48-011-0-324.000
Tree limbs and branches and high grass and weeds;**

**3413 Sandalwood Court
Parcel No. 48-003-0-034.000
Used TV stored in an exposed manner within the front yard of vacant home;**

**3908 Staatz Drive
Parcel No. 48-004-0-055.000
Junk and debris stored in an exposed manner within the carport and rear yard;**

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.

RESOLUTION #15-11-09-03: Motion by Mr. Carano pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.86 for the removal (DEMOLITION) of the single-family dwelling located at 1922 South Raccoon Road, Austintown Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, 44515, said property being further described as Parcel #48-070-0-006, Great Lot 15, based on the structure being declared insecure, unsafe and structurally defective under Austintown Township Fire Code 311.1.1 abandoned premises by the Austintown Township Fire Inspector. Mr. Stauffer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Carano, yes; and Mr. Stauffer, yes.

RESOLUTION #15-11-09-04: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to schedule a Trustees public hearing for Amendment 2015-03-Z on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 1:00 P.M., pursuant to Letter of Certification dated October 30, 2015 from the Austintown Township Zoning Commission. Mr. Carano seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Carano, yes; Mr. Stauffer, yes; and Mr. Davis, yes.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report of September 2015 was received

SENIOR CENTER

NEW BUSINESS

ADVANCES

RESOLUTION #15-11-09-05: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to approve **ADVANCES** from General Fund (1000) to:

1. \$200,000 to Police District Fund (2081)
2. \$20,000 to Park (2171)

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

yes; and Mr. Carano, yes.

PUBLIC RESPONSE

OFF CAMERA: None

ON CAMERA:

Lynn Parker – 4694 Westwood; congratulated Mr. Stauffer; mentioned the levies - no specifics; mentioned a recent theft at his home and thanked the COP, Detective Yacovone, and Officer Byers for their help in this matter.

George Rohrbaugh – 1164 Cedarwood Drive; expressed his opinion that there are too many levies; believes there should be a total millage that's distributed among the entities; stated that need to fight the governor to release funds and make adjustments to the budget. He was concerned with the Mill Creek Park Levy and the WRTA Levy that residents of the Township pay because they are Youngstown City obligations.

Addressed by Mr. Davis – he stated that everyone has their right to vote; and he defended the WRTA as many residents of Austintown benefit from the buses.

Addressed by Mr. Carano – he pointed out that Mill Creek Park is no longer owned by the City of Youngstown but by Mahoning County. Mr. Carano also mentioned the fact that the State has cut funds to local entities including over \$2 million in the Austintown Road budget.

Addressed by Mr. Stauffer – he explained that the levies are needed to keep up with the costs of providing services to the residents.

Jim Johnson – 53 S. Kimberly Avenue; congratulated Rick on his win; mentioned having issues with the Governor over hospitalization.

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

FISCAL OFFICER LAURA L. WOLFE:

Wolfe had nothing to add to the meeting.

TRUSTEE KENNETH A. CARANO:

Carano congratulated Laurie & Rick on their wins. He thanked Bruce Shepas and Andrea Paventi for their respectful campaigns. Carano also congratulated Harold Porter and Doc Ritchie on their wins. He mentioned Veteran's Day and thanked all veterans.

TRUSTEE JAMES C. DAVIS:

Davis congratulated Laurie on her win. He also congratulated Rick and noted that he has the best interest for Austintown. Davis thanked the residents for voting yes on one Road Levy – he noted that the Board “heard” on the other two. He also stated that the “No” votes are no reflection on Todd or Mike or their work for the Township. Davis congratulated all of the AF fall sports teams on their great seasons. He mentioned the Veteran’s Day Assembly to be held at 9:00 am at Fitch High School. Davis talked briefly about Seth Welch’s Eagle Scout Project that will be dedicated after the Assembly. He congratulated the Little Falcons & Colts Pee Wee Teams that made it to the Super Bowl. Davis congratulated Barb Bellish on her run as President of the Colts and wished her well as she moves forward to new ventures. He invited anyone interested to attend the work sessions @ 5:00 prior to Township meetings, to plan the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Parade & Log Cabin Services. The next meeting will be Dec. 14th @ 5:00.

TRUSTEE RICHARD A. STAUFFER:

Stauffer thanked the people of Austintown for their support and encouragement. He mentioned the fact that the local races were done very respectfully. Stauffer thanked the residents for their support of the Road Levy. He thanked all veterans as well.

RESOLUTION #15-11-09-06: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to recess into Executive Session at 6:50 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, discipline or compensation of public employees.

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

RESOLUTION #15-11-09-07: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.

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

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Approved:

Chairperson Board of Trustees