

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, February 22, 2016, at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 12:00 P.M. with a salute to the flag led by Chairperson Kenneth A. Carano. Roll Call was as follows: Mr. Davis, present; Mr. Stauffer, present; and Mr. Carano, present.

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

RESOLUTION #16-02-22-01: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to APPROVE Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2016.

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

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #16-02-22-02: Motion by Mr. Davis pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.10, the Board finds that the below listed item(s) of property is/are not needed for public use, are obsolete, or are unfit for the use for which it was acquired and the fair market value of each is \$2,500 or less:

1. 2011 Crown Victoria: VIN# 2FABP7BV4BX169082

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

ZONING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION #16-02-22-03: Motion by Mr. Stauffer pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.86 for the removal (DEMOLITION) of the single-family dwelling and attached garage located at 129 Idaho Road, Austintown Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, 44515, said property being further described as Parcel #48-015-0-053, Lot No. 30, Austinwood Heights Replat, based on the structures being declared insecure, unsafe and structurally defective under Austintown Township Fire Code 311.1.1 abandoned premises by the Austintown Township Fire Inspector.

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

RESOLUTION #16-02-22-04: Motion by Mr. Davis to approve the resolution attached and made part of the minutes to initiate public hearings regarding propose Amendment 2016-02-Z to amend the Austintown Township Zoning Ordinance and Township Zoning Map and rezone the subject parcels of real property located on Avalon Court, Forest Hill Drive, Potomac Avenue, Oakleigh Street, Third Street, Huntmere Road, Frederick Street, First Street, Elmwood Avenue, Impala Drive, South Meridian Road, South Four Mile Run Road, Eigen Street, Daytona Drive, South Navarre Avenue, Rosemont Avenue, South Main Street, Parkgate Avenue, South Edgehill Avenue, South Roanoke Avenue and South Beverly Avenue to Residential R-1 Districts. Said properties are located west of South Meridian Road, north of Burkey Road, east of South Raccoon Road, and south of Mahoning Avenue.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

Park Supervisor, Todd Shaffer stated the ‘Kids Shine for a Cure’ festival will be held again at the Township Park on April 24th and invited all to attend. Mr. Shaffer also asked residents to support the Park Levy.

SENIOR CENTER

Senior Center Director, Jim Henshaw announced the sign up of their 1,814th member who came from Boardman. Mr. Henshaw also mentioned the article in Sunday’s Vindicator on the township’s use of the senior levy money raised. Henshaw went on to say that regardless of the article, his goal is for the center to continue to help our local senior citizens and it would be a major loss to the community if the levy doesn’t pass on March 15th. Asked everyone

to support the ½ mill *renewal/levy*.

FISCAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION #16-02-22-05: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to APPROVE January Reports submitted to Board at the January 11, 2016 meeting

- a. Fund Status
- b. Revenue Status
- c. Appropriation Status

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #16-02-22-06: Motion by Mr. Davis to Approve ADVANCES from General Fund (1000) to:

- \$150,000.00 to Police (2081)
- \$100,000.00 to Communications (6002)
- \$200,000.00 to Police (2081)
- \$30,000.00 to Lighting District (4501)

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

PUBLIC RESPONSE

OFF CAMERA: NONE

ON CAMERA:

Leo Connelly, Huntington Court; former post commander of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #2, stated there are over 800 Disabled Veterans who are volunteers and meet at the Senior Center. Connelly said the Board of Trustees in Austintown *always* steps up to the plate in helping out. The Township has given them the room in the Senior Center to have their meetings. Without the Center those Veterans would be out on the street again. Connelly spoke in support of the levy and said don't confuse this *renewal* levy with the 1 ½ mill levy put on the ballot by the county.

Joann Claycomb, 236 N. Beverly; spoke in support of keeping the Senior Center going.

Gloria Habib, Burkey Rd.; one of the advisory council members, was on the original committee who hired Jim Henshaw; every application the committee received was READ. They only interviewed the appropriate applicants.

Gary Brant, 5398 Pinecrest Ave; has been a member at the Senior Center since it opened. Jim Henshaw has done nothing but improve the Center. Mr. Brandt stated Austintown needs that Senior Center.

Tony Revetti – 1684 Lancaster; became proud of Austintown when they decided to look at the seniors in the community. Believes you should vote with your heart.

Lynn Parker – 4694 Westwood; has watched the Senior Center improve and grow. He also stated that Jim Henshaw is a good leader and that the Township needs to keep the Center alive. He also called for support of the senior renewal levy as well as the park renewal levy.

Tom Moss – 149 Rosemont; Jim Henshaw works with the seniors and Veterans. The DAV has a nice, safe and accommodating location to meet. Please support the Senior Center renewal levy.

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

FISCAL OFFICER LAURA L. WOLFE:

Had no comments

TRUSTEE KENNETH A. CARANO:

Talked about Walt Terlecky and how the land donation came to be. The purpose was to get money to help with parks and recreation. Mr. Carano commented that the Vindicator “blew it” with their article and that it was never hidden that the Senior Center was going to pay rent and the money collected would go to the Westchester Fund.

Mr. Carano expressed his excitement about the Meijer’s Company coming to Austintown. He also made known his excitement on a YMCA coming to Austintown and possibly joining with the Senior Center.

Carano commented on the Austintown Fitch speech team – in developing the ability to speak and communicate and to be productive in society.

On February 29th 11:30 A.M.; the dedication of the “Lisa Oles Senior Education Room” took place at the Senior Center. Lisa was present for the dedication.

There will be an Open House at the Senior Center on March 11th, 12th, and 13th from 10:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M.

TRUSTEE RICHARD A. STAUFFER:

Said Austintown did the right thing 5 years ago in passing the levy. They will do the right thing again and renew the levy. Mr. Stauffer presented his story and involvement with the starting of the Senior Center as a member of the A.G.E. Corporation.

TRUSTEE JAMES C. DAVIS:

Mr. Davis commented on the Parks Department. They only have 3 employees and over 350 acres in parks to take care of; please vote yes for the renewal levy.

Mr. Davis also thanked the Road employees for the great job in clearing the snow. He also stated that in 2014 there were \$1 million of roads paved on account of the Racino payments. We will no longer be receiving this money.

Regarding the Senior Center, Mr. Davis told the story of the Senior Center beginning with the donation of the Westchester Building in 1996 and the contract set forth at that time. Mr. Davis addressed Mr. Adam's statement posted in the Vindicator. Lisa Oles invited Jim to be a part of her dream; starting A.G.E., a 501 ©3 entity to raise money. \$11,000 of the \$15,000 budget was paid to Bill Adams. He left when he was asked to 'volunteer'. Lisa Oles took over and kept the Senior Center open. Mr. Davis addressed the rent paid by the Fire Inspection Dept., the Zoning Dept., and the Senior Center. Nothing that has been established at the Westchester Building will go away unless the levy doesn't pass; paying rent to the Westchester Fund assures the money is being recycled into the community.

RESOLUTION #16-02-22-07: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to recess into Executive Session at 1:25 P.M for the following:

- A. To consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of public employees
- B. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment

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

RESOLUTION #16-02-22-08: Motion by Mr. Davis to adjourn at 2:30 P.M. Mr. Stauffer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Stauffer, yes; Mr. Davis, yes; and Mr. Carano, yes.

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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