

# AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO  
82 OHLTOWN ROAD  
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

## REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, March 14, 2016, at Town Hall, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio.

The meeting opened at 6:00 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.

A presentation was given by Anna Deascentis from the Mahoning County Commissioner's Office on the Fair Housing CDBG money.

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-01:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to APPROVE Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2016. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Carano, yes; and Mr. Stauffer, yes; and Mr. Davis, yes.

### DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

#### ROAD DEPARTMENT

Road Superintendent, Mike Dockry informed the Board, the Township was awarded \$68,000.00 for road resurfacing this year. Mr. Dockry also stated that because of the nice weather, the Road Dept. has started sweeping the roads. He went on to say that the department only used 1,400 tons of salt this winter.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief, Robert Gavalier commended Lt. Collins, Lt. Hoelzel and Lt. Solic on their advanced schooling and training. Each officer talked about their specific trainings.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fire Chief, Andy Frost commended the community and entities involved with the Sleep Inn CO2 scare.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-02:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to schedule a public hearing to be conducted by the Board of Trustees regarding Amendment 2016-01-Z on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., pursuant to the letter of certification dated March 1, 2016 from the Austintown Township Zoning Commission.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-03:** Motion by Mr. Davis to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016, 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:

2481 Bainbridge Street  
Parcel No. 48-004-0-083.000

A large amount of miscellaneous items, junk, and debris stored in an exposed manner within the carport;

142 Kleber Avenue  
Parcel No. 48-027-0-084.000

A large amount of miscellaneous items, junk, and debris stored in an exposed manner within a trailer on the driveway;

23 Maple Avenue  
Parcel No. 48-056-0-128.000

A large amount of miscellaneous items, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;

3623 Orchard Hill Drive  
Parcel No. 48-113-0-030.000

A large amount of branches and limbs stored in an exposed manner at the front and side yards;

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**657 Purdue Avenue**

**Parcel No. 48-110-0-029.000**

**An above ground pool with stagnate water and used tires;**

**456 Westgate Boulevard**

**Parcel No. 48-095-0-231**

**A large amount of miscellaneous items, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;**

**1774 Woodland Trace**

**Parcel No. 48-107-0-177.000**

**An in-ground pool and hot tub in disrepair with stagnate water and a large amount of miscellaneous items, junk and debris stored in an exposed manner throughout the property;**

**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. Davis, yes; Mr. Carano, yes; and Mr. Stauffer, yes.**

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-04:** Motion by **Mr. Stauffer** pursuant to **ORC 505.871** to find the following motor vehicles meet all of the following criteria: 1) Three model years or older; 2) Apparently inoperable; and 3) extensively damaged, including, but not limited to, any of the following: missing wheels, tires, engine, or transmission and to declare the following vehicles public nuisances under Ohio Revised Code 505.871 and order the removal of the junk vehicle within 14 days after noticed is served to the property owner:

**1774 Woodland Trace:** An inoperable silver Chevy Blazer with an expired license plate (ENY 3722) parked in an exposed manner within the driveway; and

**23 Maple Drive:** An inoperable pick-up truck with an expired license plate (EVG 2954) parked in an exposed manner within the driveway; and

**1269 North Canfield-Niles Road:** An inoperable tow truck with an expired license plate (PCY 2753) parked in an exposed manner within the rear yard.

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

## **PARK DEPARTMENT**

### **SENIOR CENTER**

Senior Center Director, Jim Henshaw stated the Wall Street Journal filmed and interviewed Seniors on the shooting classes at the Center. He also wished everyone Happy 'Pi' Day (3.14). Mr. Henshaw also encouraged everyone to Vote for the levies tomorrow.

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

Fiscal Officer, Laurie Wolfe stated that 2015 has been closed and that she is currently working on the permanent appropriations which is our Final Budget for 2016.

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-05:** Motion by Mr. Davis to APPROVE February Reports submitted to Board at the February 22, 2016 meeting

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

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-06:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to approve ADVANCES from General Fund (1000) to:

\$20,000.00 to Zoning (2181)  
\$100,000.00 to Road & Bridge (2031)

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

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-07:** Motion by Mr. Davis to approve TRANSFER from General Fund (1000) to:

\$38,940.84 to Communications Equipment (4901)

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

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-08:** Motion by Mr. Davis to appoint Rick Stauffer and Laurie Wolfe to attend the Mahoning County’s Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC), Annual Meeting on Tuesday March 29, 2016 at the Commissioner’s Office at 9:30 A.M.

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

**PUBLIC RESPONSE**

**ON CAMERA: NONE**

**OFF CAMERA: NONE**

**REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS**

**FISCAL OFFICER LAURA L. WOLFE:** Had nothing to add

**TRUSTEE KENNETH A. CARANO:**

Remarked that the ceremony for Lisa Oles’ dedication was outstanding! Thanked the press for their coverage. Congratulated the AJWL with the success on their ‘Taste of Austintown’ night. Mr. Carano congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Ray Case on their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Also talked about the passing of John Rorick; commented on how exceptional he and his family are – he will be greatly missed.

**TRUSTEE RICHARD A. STAUFFER:**

Thanked everyone for voting for the levies; mentioned the dedication of the Lisa Oles Senior Education Center. Noted the Mahoning County Engineer’s office will be paving S. Turner and E. Burkey this year. Mr. Stauffer also mentioned he’s pleased to be attending the basic training graduation for Zac Campbell.

**TRUSTEE JAMES C. DAVIS:**

Encouraged everyone to vote; said it was very impressive that the recent presidential candidates have visited locally; the better the voter turnout – the more “power” we have with county government services; encouraged residents to vote for the Austintown levies

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-09:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to recess into Executive Session at 7:00 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. Stauffer, yes; Mr. Davis, yes; and Mr. Carano, yes.

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-10:** Motion by Mr. Davis to reconvene from executive session at 8:40 P.M.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-11:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to hire Tom Metzinger as full-time firefighter effective March 20, 2106.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-12:** Motion by Mr. Davis to establish a domestic partner health care policy as noted:

A Domestic Partner health care registry is open to both same- and different-sex couples. Dependents of the Domestic Partner are NOT eligible for coverage unless otherwise required by state or federal law. Domestic Partners acknowledge that their eligibility and the eligibility of any dependents, if applicable, depends on not only meeting the Domestic Partner Affidavit requirements set by the Township but also depends on the existing 3<sup>rd</sup> party medical insurer or medical consortium agreeing to cover Domestic Partners and their dependents.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-03-14-13:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to adjourn at 8:45 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:**

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**Chairperson Board of Trustees**