

# AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO  
82 OHLTOWN ROAD  
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

## REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, November 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.

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-01:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to APPROVE Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2016.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-02:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to recommend approval to the Mahoning County Commissioners of a Tax Abatement for Nordson Xaloy, Inc.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-03:** Motion by Mr. Davis to hire Part Time Firefighters, Jared Vinkler and Michael L. Smith to Full Time Status effective 11/13/16 and 11/14/16 respectively.

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

Oath given by Fiscal Officer Laura L. Wolfe

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**DEPARTMENT BUSINESS**

**ROAD AND CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS**

October 2016 Monthly report received.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

October 2016 Monthly report received.

Chief Gavalier was absent from the meeting

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

October 2016 Monthly report received.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT**

October 2016 Monthly report received.

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-04:** Motion by Mr. Davis to accept monthly report.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-05:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to Approve the minutes of the public hearing for Amendment 2016-08-Z held on October 24, 2016.

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

**PARK DEPARTMENT**

October 2016 Monthly report received.

Park Supervisor, Todd Shaffer announced that on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M. will be the Community Christmas Tree Lighting at the Wickliffe Fire Station.

**SENIOR CENTER**

October 2016 Monthly report received.

**FISCAL OFFICER**

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-06:** Motion by Mr. Davis to Accept October Reports submitted to Board for review:

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

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-07:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to Approve Advance from General Fund (1000) To:

1. \$50,000.00 from Communications (6002)

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

### **PUBLIC RESPONSE**

**OFF CAMERA:** Mary Shall, 37 N. Turner Rd; – Austintown Garden Club; has a weed problem and needs to remove all the dirt. Asked if the Park Dept. could do it for them? The Garden Club will replace the dirt.

**ON CAMERA:** Shannon Lehr – stated there will be a Farmers Winter Market on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Stacey Bldg. in Township Park. Activities will include; kids crafts, pictures with Santa (between 3-4), Santa Letter Writing Station and Marco’s Pizza.

Ron Taylor – Lives on Atlanta Ave. There aren’t any lights in his section of the street and wants to petition for lighting. Mr. Dockry spoke with him after the meeting on the procedures to obtain lighting.

### **REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**TRUSTEE RICHARD A. STAUFFER:** Talked about the Veterans’ Day celebration and asked that we always remember our Veterans. He thanked them for their service and sacrifice. He also thanked Kristin O’Neill for her efforts in planning the ceremony at Fitch High School and Chris Wortman who spoke to the audience on being a military mother.

**TRUSTEE JAMES C. DAVIS:** Wished all Veterans’ a ‘Happy Veteran’s Day’. He commented on the Fifth Annual Veterans Concert and Chili cook-off held on Sunday at Fitch High School. Mr. Davis also noted the winner of the Fitch Band Patriotism Award this year goes to the Austintown Police Dept. for their support and protection of the community. And in regards to the Chili cook-off, he

thanked Ken Carano for cooking their chili entry which ended up winning the “People’s Choice Award”. In other area, Mr. Davis talked about Hollywood Gaming’s ‘Election Race’ which raises money for the disabled jockey fund. He congratulated all office winners. Regarding the Township’s Levies; they did not pass; Mr. Davis said the trustees understand the community’s frustrations and that in the 2017 – 2018 years; they will review the money and see where we need to tighten up. He also sent out a thank you to the residents for getting out to vote.

**TRUSTEE KENNETH A. CARANO:** Mr. Carano continued on with levies discussion. He also commented on the Veteran’s Day Program held a Fitch High School; the Veterans’ concert and the chili cook-off. On the Woodside lake dam; Mr. Carano went to the meeting of the residents. It is the state’s responsibility to remedy. They should have fixed it a long time ago.

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-08:** Motion by Mr. Davis to recess into Executive Session at 7:07 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. Stauffer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Carano, yes; and Mr. Stauffer, yes.

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-09:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to reconvene from executive session at 8:25 P.M.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-10:** Motion by Mr. Davis to accept resignation of Firefighter Walter Donitzen effective November 30, 2016.

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

**RESOLUTION #16-11-14-11:** Motion by Mr. Stauffer to adjourn meeting at 8:30 P.M

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

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**Fiscal Officer**

**Approved:**

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**Chairperson Board of Trustees**