

AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO
82 OHLTOWN ROAD
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

REORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2017

The Reorganizational & Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Township Hall, 82 Ohl town Road, Austintown, Ohio.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Ken Carano opened the meeting at noon with a salute to the flag.

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-01: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to appoint Fiscal Officer Laura L. Wolfe as Chairperson Pro-Tem.

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

Roll call taken by Fiscal Officer Laura L. Wolfe. Roll Call was as follows: Mr. Carano, present; Mr. Stauffer, present; and Mr. Davis, present.

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-02: Fiscal Officer Laura L. Wolfe acting as Chairperson Pro-Tem asked for nominations for Chairperson 2017. Mr. Carano made a motion to nominate Richard A. Stauffer as Chairperson 2017.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-03: Fiscal Officer Laura L. Wolfe acting as Chairperson Pro-Tem asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson 2017. Mr. Stauffer made a motion to nominate Jim Davis as Vice-Chairperson 2017.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-04: Motion by Mr. Stauffer to set Regular Meeting

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Dates for 2017 on the 2nd Monday at 6:00 P.M. at 82 Ohltown Road, and the 4th Monday at Noon at 82 Ohltown Road, except the 2nd Meeting in December shall be on Thursday December 21st at noon instead of Monday December 25, 2017.

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

Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer adjourned the Reorganizational Meeting and turn the meeting over to Chairperson Stauffer.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-05: Motion by Mr. Davis to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 22, 2016.

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

Presentation to Chris Wortman by Trustee Stauffer in recognition of her service and dedication to local veterans.

Mr. Stauffer introduced the Board Members and Department Heads, and Sergeant of Arms.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY

December 2016 Monthly report received.

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-06: Motion by Mr. Davis to approve Engineering Services Proposal from Thomas Fok & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the OPWC – Austintown Township Resurfacing 2017.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

December 2016 Monthly report received.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 2016 Monthly report received.

Chief Frost mentioned the passing of former Firefighter Bob Pounds.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

December 2016 Monthly report received.

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-07: Motion by Mr. Davis to approve the following:

RESOLUTION

The **Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, Ohio**, meeting on **Monday, January 9, 2017**, 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:

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

164 North Navarre Avenue

Parcel No. 48-023-0-294

Auto parts stored in an exposed manner at the property; and

4517 Warwick North

Parcel No. 48-112-0-217.000

Trash and debris stored in an exposed manner within the driveway.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-08: Motion by Mr. Carano 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 vehicles

within 14 days after noticed is served to the property owner:

4517 Warwick North: An inoperable Chevrolet Lumina with an expired license plate (GVP 6665) parked in an exposed manner within the driveway;

164 North Navarre Avenue: An inoperable 2000 Chevrolet with an expired license plate (GNE 6833) parked in an exposed manner at the property; and

544 Notre Dame Avenue: A wrecked GMC pick-up truck parked in an exposed manner within the driveway.

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

PARK DEPARTMENT

December 2016 Monthly report received.
Park Supervisor Todd Shaffer was absent from the meeting.

SENIOR CENTER

December 2016 Monthly report received.
Senior Center Director, Jim Henshaw gave a recap of the 2016 year. There has been an 8% growth in the use of services. The Center's member count is up to 2,100 members.

FISCAL OFFICER

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-09: Motion by Mr. Davis to Accept Reports submitted to Board for review:

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-10: Motion by Mr. Carano to Approve reasonable and necessary expenses for 2017 Ohio Township Association conventions, seminars, MCTA and Regional Chamber's meetings and CLOUT meetings, State Auditor's and Bureau of Workers Compensation

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Seminars attended by Fiscal Officer, Trustees, and/or Administrator or their designee.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-11: Motion by Mr. Davis pursuant to ORC 321.34 to request Advances from 2017 Real Property Collections for 2016 tax year – 1st Half and 2nd Half Real Estate Taxes from Mahoning County Auditor.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-12: Motion by Mr. Carano, at request of depository banks, to appoint and approve Trustee Jim Davis, Trustee Rick Stauffer, Trustee Ken Carano and Fiscal Officer Laura Wolfe and Township Administrator Michael Dockry as signatories on township bank accounts.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-13: Motion by Mr. Davis to appoint Chief Frost to HAZMAT Advisory Board – Mahoning County.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-14: Motion by Mr. Davis to Approve ADVANCES from General Fund (1000) to:

\$25,000.00 to Zoning (2181)
\$150,000.00 to Police (2081)
\$150,000.00 to Communications (6002)

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-15: Motion by Mr. Carano to approve the following Employee Holidays:

NEW YEAR'S DAY	MONDAY	JANUARY 2
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.	MONDAY	JANUARY 16

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PRESIDENTS' DAY	MONDAY	FEBRUARY 20
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY	MAY 29
INDEPENDENCE DAY	TUESDAY	JULY 4
LABOR DAY	MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 4
COLUMBUS DAY	MONDAY	OCTOBER 9 **
VETERANS DAY	FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 10*
THANKSGIVING DAY	THURSDAY FRIDAY in lieu of Columbus Day Off**	NOVEMBER 23
CHRISTMAS DAY	MONDAY	DECEMBER 25*
CHRISTMAS EVE.	TUESDAY	DECEMBER 26*

***SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH ARE THE HOLIDAYS FOR POLICE PATROL, FIRE CREW AND DISPATCH.**

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-16: Motion by Mr. Carano to set date and time of HALLOWEEN on October 31, 2016 from 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

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

PUBLIC RESPONSE

OFF CAMERA: None

ON CAMERA:

Ken Jakubec: 5060 Argonne Dr.; commended Chris Wortman on her service to Austintown. He mentioned: 05-05-17 Columbus Rotunda, Chris Brown – Military Hall of Fame for Valor; James Prommerberger – inductee into Hall of Fame for Valor.

Board of Education News – Sale of the old AMS building

Dale Berringer: 3009 ½ Canfield-Niles Rd.; mentioned Bob Pounds and updated information on his service.

‘Wreaths Across America’; spoke on Funerals with full military honors for honorably discharged Veterans.

John Balint: 255 S. Navarre; N. Y. Jets – honored 50 Veterans and they have a P.O.W. – M.I.A. chair at the stadium.

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

FISCAL OFFICER LAURA L. WOLFE: Mentioned closing out the year (2016) and running in TEMP MODE.

TRUSTEE JAMES C. DAVIS: Mentioned OSU and YSU games. He wished everyone a Happy 2017!

TRUSTEE KENNETH A. CARANO: Congratulated the Fitch Football Team on their academics. Thanked the Austintown Optimist Club for sponsoring the Speech and Debate Tournaments for 48 years. Mentioned the passing of Bob Pounds as well as the passing of Deacon Michael Roberts. Mr. Carano requested a moment of silence.

TRUSTEE RICHARD A. STAUFFER: Wished all a Happy New Year. He thanked Veterans & students for attending.

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-17: Motion by Mr. Davis to recess to Executive Session at 12:50 P.M.:

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-18: Motion by Mr. Carano to reconvene from Executive Session at 2:50 P.M.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-19: Motion by Mr. Davis to increase Denise Sheldon wages to \$12/hour effective 1/15/17 and to give her a \$450.00 bonus.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-20: Motion by Mr. Carano to approve Chief Gavalier's recommendation to terminate Dispatcher Bridgett Coleman due to poor performance during her probationary period.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-21: Motion by Mr. Davis to accept Kay Lavelle's resignation letter effective January 31, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-22: Motion by Mr. Carano to accept Firefighter Terry Anania's resignation letter effective December 31, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-23: Motion by Mr. Davis to hire Cameron Long, Tex Martin III and Anthony Reda as probationary Part Time Firefighters effective January 9, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION #17-01-09-24: Motion by Mr. Carano to adjourn at 3:00 P.M.

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