

**PUBLIC HEARING
AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
February 26, 2018**

The Austintown Township Trustees held a public hearing on Monday, February 26, 2018, at the Austintown Township Administration Building, 82 Ohltown Road, Austintown, Ohio, to elicit testimony regarding a proposal to change the name of Interstate Boulevard to Patriot Boulevard.

The following Trustees were in attendance:

James C. Davis - Chairman
Rick Stauffer
Kenneth A. Carano

The Public Hearing was opened at 1:05 P.M.

Court Reporter in attendance, complete transcript taken of the hearing.

Mr. Davis gave the following statement:

The Public Hearing before the Austintown Township Board of Trustees for February 26, 2018 is now in session. Let the record show that notice of this hearing has been given in the Youngstown Vindicator on February 17, 2018 and notice was sent by first class mail to the property owners of record and to the general managers of the business tenants with frontage on Interstate Boulevard.

After a reading of the legal notice, the Board of Trustees will first hear testimony from those in support of the street name change, then all testimony against the street name change. All testimony and questions are to be directed to the Board of Trustees.

We ask that only one person speak at a time as we have a court reporter in attendance to take a complete transcript of the hearing. Prior to testifying you must state your name and address and please identify the name of the business if you are representing one.

When all testimony has been given, the Board of Trustees may choose to approve a resolution to be forwarded to the Mahoning County Commissioner who have jurisdiction over this request.

Zoning Inspector Crivelli read the following legal notice into the case record:

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The Austintown Township Trustees shall hold a Public Hearing to elicit testimony on behalf of permanently renaming "Interstate Boulevard" to "Patriot Boulevard". The proposed street name change will impact the following properties:

LOT	PLAT	ADDRESS	PARCEL NUMBER
Lot No. 8	Sanray Plat	5800 Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-007020
Lot No. 1	Sanray Plat No.	5550 Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-007010
Lot No. 9	Sanray Plat No. 3	5570 Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-007030.
Lot No. 17	Sanray Plat No. 8	5580 Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-007100;
Lot No. 16	Sanray Plat No. 8	Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-007090;
Lot No. 15	Sanray Plat No. 8	Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-007080;
Lot No. 5	Sanray Plat No. 2	5600 Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-011020;
Lot No. 6	Sanray Re-Plat	5700 Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-011030;
Lot No. 14	Sanray Re-Plat	Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-007070;
Lot No. 11	Sanray Re-Plat	5740 Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-007050;
Lot No. 10	Sanray Re-Plat	5760 Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-007040;
Great Lot 5		Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-007000;
Lot No. 3	Sanray Plat No.	5555 Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-006020.
Lot No. 2	Sanray Plat No.	5551 Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-006010.
Lot No. 4	Sanray Plat No. 2	Interstate Boulevard	Parcel 48-050-0-011010;

After all testimony has been given, the Austintown Township Trustees may choose to forward a resolution of support for the name change to the Mahoning County Commissioners. Ohio Revised Code Section 5541.04 provides the Board of County Commissioners with authority to change the name of a township road upon the Board's own motion or acting upon a petition by a person owning a lot in the unincorporated area of the County praying that the name of said road in the immediate vicinity of such lot be changed. There must be a hearing where the Board determines there is good cause for such change of name, and that it not be detrimental to the general interest, and that it should be changed.

Zoning Inspector Crivelli referenced a GIS map of the Interstate Boulevard commercial corridor and the case mailing list of the property owners of record and general managers of the affected businesses who received notice of the hearing by first class mail.

Zoning Inspector Crivelli advised the hearing should not be viewed as initiating the process as this request falls under the jurisdiction of the Mahoning County Commissioners. He advised the Board of Trustees may pass a resolution of support or a resolution of opposition or take no action at all. He also advised the last time he spoke with Nancy Laboy she stated no petition for the proposed street name change had been submitted to the County.

Ken Jakubec, 5060 Argonne Drive, Austintown, Ohio, 44515, stated he was the supervisor of maintenance for Quaker Steak and Lube. He

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observed there is a lot of traffic going the wrong way as day after day semi-truck drivers think this is the interstate and turn onto Interstate Boulevard only to have to make a u-tune at the bottom of the hill to get back out. Trucks often exit the Hometown Suites and make the wrong turn. Drivers find it confusing considering the interstate is a quarter of a mile away down the road. The veterans saw this happening and someone suggested the name change. They canvassed the business themselves and everyone is one-hundred percent for the name change. Harley Davidson supports the request. It will be no problem to get petitions to forward to the county. He inquired as to how they have to write up the petition. Zoning Inspector Crivelli advised the Ohio Revised Code does not provide guidance on the make-up of the petition. Mr. Jakubec speculated they would have unanimous support from the businesses but the main reason this was started was due to the traffic flow from the confusion with the interstate.

No one else in attendance to speak in favor of the request.

Mr. Davis asked Zoning Inspector Crivelli if he had received any letters or other communications regarding the request. Zoning Inspector Crivelli answered in the negative.

No one else in attendance to speak against the request.

Motion by Mr. Stauffer to support the request to change the name of Interstate Boulevard to Patriot Boulevard as a way for Austintown Township to permanently honor our men and women who have served our country in the armed forces.

Seconded by Mr. Carano.

Roll call vote: Mr. Stauffer – Yes; Mr. Carano – Yes; and Mr. Davis – Yes.

Mr. Davis stated this is a nice way to honor our veterans who have served our country and acknowledged this will help traffic flow and commended Mr. Jakubec for starting “Patriots Day” approximately eleven years ago. Mr. Jakubec stated the new street name was not suggested because of the event but rather suggested after a funeral by members of the DAV and Marine Corp and there is no agenda to have it changed because of the work they do.

Mr. Davis stated their event is second to none and an excellent way to honor veterans and is an appropriate street name with “Patriots Day” recognized by Quaker Steak and Lube’s throughout the valley and the events having enjoyed great attendence.

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Mr. Jakubec commented on the flags that are placed during holidays on Interstate Boulevard and the support veterans are given by Infocision, Wendy's, and Cracker Barrel. Mr. Jakubec observed that no one attended to speak against renaming the street. There was discussion about drawing up a petition to be forwarded to the Commissioners.

Motion by Mr. Stauffer to adjourn the public hearing and recess into executive session at 1:20 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of public employees.

Seconded by Mr. Carano.

Roll call vote: Mr. Carano – Yes; Mr. Stauffer – Yes; and Mr. Davis – Yes.

There being nothing further to come before the Trustees, the public hearing was adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

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Darren L. Crivelli, Zoning Inspector

APPROVED:


James C. Davis – Chairman

DATE:

3/12/18

APPROVED:


Laura L. Wolfe, Fiscal Officer

DATE:

03-12-18