

# AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO  
82 OHLTOWN ROAD  
AUSTINTOWN, OH 44515

## REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township was held Monday, June 28, 2021 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 Steve Kent.

Roll Call was as follows: Mr. Davis, present; Mr. Carano, present; and Mr. Kent, present.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-01:** Motion by Mr. Davis to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2021.

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

A presentation of Proclamations was given to the Volunteers who provided labor and materials to renovate the Lanterman Cemetery.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

#### DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

#### ROAD DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### ZONING DEPARTMENT

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-02:** Motion by Mr. Carano to find the following:

## RESOLUTION

The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township, Mahoning County, State of Ohio, meeting on **Monday, June 28, 2021**, did adopt the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Trustees of Austintown Township has determined that the following properties constitute and are declared a public nuisance pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.87:

3460 Almerinda Drive  
Parcel 48-113-0-121  
High grass and weeds;

5711 Baylor Avenue  
Parcel 48-110-0-290  
High grass and weeds within the rear yard under the deck, around the pool and detached garage, yard waste along the rear fence line;

1430 South Canfield-Niles Road  
Parcel 48-120-0-009  
Discarded tires and fencing located at the northeast corner of the property;

1295 Elvira Avenue  
Parcel 48-072-0-016  
Trash at the edge of road pavement removed by the road department May 27, 2021;

4303 Kerrybrook Drive  
Parcel 48-108-0-337  
High grass and weeds within the rear yard;

5905 Kirk Road  
Parcel 48-064-0-028.010  
High grass and weeds;

5860 Kirk Road  
Parcel 48-064-0-029  
High grass and weeds within the rear yard and miscellaneous items and junk including tires, pallets, and firewood stored in an exposed manner at the side of the shed and rear deck;

86 North Navarre Avenue  
Parcel 48-023-0-276  
Furniture stored in an exposed manner at the curb;

87 North Navarre Avenue  
Parcel 48-023-0-250

High grass and weeds;

682 Notre Dame Avenue – Vacant Lot  
Parcel 48-110-0-045  
High grass and weeds;

1981 Penny Lane  
Parcel 48-107-0-251  
High grass and weeds, yard waste throughout the property, overgrown shrubbery, and clogged gutters;

1705-1739 South Raccoon Road  
Parcel 48-108-0-005  
A large amount of miscellaneous items, junk, debris, and trash stored in an exposed manner along the south wall of the building and in and around the dumpsters at the southeast section of the property, weeds along the fence line at the east and south sides of the property;

1741-1747 South Raccoon Road  
Parcel 48-108-0-006  
Litter at the southeast section of the enclosed porch and parking lot;

Lot No. 25 Signature Drive  
Parcel 48-117-0-137  
Wooden debris and high grass and weeds at easterly rear section of the lot;

235 North Turner Road  
Parcel 48-067-0-026  
High grass and weeds;

2414 Volmer Drive  
Parcel 48-004-0-212  
High grass and weeds and miscellaneous items and junk stored in an exposed manner at the north side of the garage;

5603 Yorktown Lane  
Parcel 48-096-0-029  
High grass and weeds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Austintown Township that the above referenced properties constitute a public nuisance and the property owners are hereby **ORDERED** to abate, control, or remove said nuisances. If said nuisances are not abated, controlled or provision for 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. Davis seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; and Mr. Carano, yes.

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-03:** 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:

**3460 Almerinda Drive** - An inoperable Honda Accord with an expired license plate (GYE 2069) parked in an exposed manner within the driveway; and

**5910 Yorktown Lane** - An inoperable Dodge pick-up truck with an expired license plate (ECY 7878) parked in an exposed manner within the driveway.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-04:** Motion by Mr. Davis to schedule Trustees Public Hearing for final determination of Amendment 2021-01-Z on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. pursuant to the Letter of Certification dated June 25, 2021 from the Austintown Township Zoning Commission.

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

#### **PARK DEPARTMENT**

Park Supervisor, Todd Shaffer thanked the AJWL for their 'Lending Library' donations. Also thanked Addison for her addition to the park.

#### **SENIOR CENTER**

#### **FISCAL OFFICER**

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-05:** Motion by Mr. Carano to approve May's Reports submitted to Board at the June 14, 2021 meeting.

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

Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; and

Mr. Carano, yes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-06:** Motion by Mr. Davis to approve property lease agreement between the Mahoning County Board of Commissioners for the Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District and Austintown Township for \$18,000.00 and to authorize Michael Dockry to execute agreement.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-07:** Motion by Mr. Carano to approve purchases of vacant land on Four Mile Run Rd.; parcel #48-009-0-011.00-0, lot 2 - \$223.00 and First St.; parcels #48-009-0-087-00-0, lot 8 - \$223.00; #48-009-0-090.00-0, lot 7 - \$223.00 in Austintown from the Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-08:** Motion by Mr. Davis to approve the following advances from General Fund (1000) to:

\$7,000.00 to Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax (2231)  
\$40,000.00 to Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax (2231)

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

### **PUBLIC RESPONSE**

#### **OFF CAMERA:**

Andre Anderson; 3361 Heritage Ct. – issue with approach to bike trail on Turner Rd. Trustee Davis addressed the issue

Jim Elko; 76 Viall Rd.  
Problem at 74 Viall Rd. – drug dealers

**ON CAMERA: NONE**

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

**FISCAL OFFICER LAURA L. WOLFE:** Nothing to Add

**TRUSTEE KENNETH A. CARANO:**

- Commended Jim on his talents for the Fireworks and Party on the Plaza

- Parade is at noon on the 4<sup>th</sup>
- The township may get some Federal money but it cannot be used for roads
- Commended the County and the Company, who did the work, for their work on Mahoning Ave
- Commented on Meijer's

**TRUSTEE STEVEN E. KENT:**

- Thanked the Park, Road, Police and Fire Departments for their help with the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations
- Thanked Jim and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee
- The Courthouse moved to the front of the Austintown Plaza
- The Goodwill moved to the former Sears Hardware

**TRUSTEE JAMES C. DAVIS:**

- Asked for a moment of silence for Pat Connolly and commended his service to Austintown and the 9-11 Memorial Park
- Thanked Nathaniel for the 'Pat Connolly' article in the Vindicator
- Flag raising on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Log Cabin on Raccoon Rd
- Parade is Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> at noon
- Commented on the Party on the Plaza and Fireworks and THANKED everyone involved.

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-09:** Motion by Mr. Carano to Recess to Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. for the following:

- A. To consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of public employees

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-10:** Motion by Mr. Davis to Reconvene from Executive Session at 7:25 P.M.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-11:** Motion by Mr. Davis to approve recommendation from Chief Gavalier to hire the following new police officers with the order of the subsequent motions determining their seniority.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-12:** Motion by Mr. Carano to approve recommendation of Chief Gavalier to hire De-Ondrea D. Hilson as a full time Police Officer, effective

7/12/21, conditional on passing drug test, physical and background check.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-13:** Motion by Mr. Davis to approve recommendation of Chief Gavalier to hire Matthew P. Bellish as a full time Police Officer, effective 7/12/21, conditional on passing drug test, physical and background check.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-14:** Motion by Mr. Carano to approve recommendation of Chief Gavalier to hire Ryan S. Mong as a full time Police Officer, effective 7/12/21, conditional on passing drug test, physical and background check.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-15:** Motion by Mr. Davis to approve recommendation of Chief Gavalier to hire Brandon W. Johnston as a full time Police Officer, effective 7/12/21, conditional on passing drug test, physical and background check.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-16:** Motion by Mr. Carano to approve recommendation of Chief Gavalier to hire Alexander P. Kooyman as a full time Police Officer, effective 7/12/21, conditional on passing drug test, physical and background check.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-17:** Motion by Mr. Davis to hire Devin Charnesky for the Summer Work Program 2021 to be paid at the Ohio minimum wage rate of \$8.8/hr.

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

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-18:** Motion by Mr. Carano to place Dominic Cicozi on 90-day unpaid leave of absence per CBA contract, effective June 26, 2021 thru September 25, 2021.

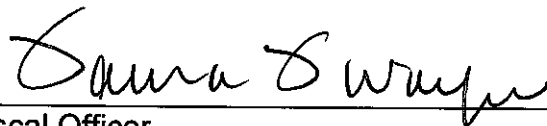
Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Carano, yes; Mr. Davis, yes; and Mr. Kent, yes.

**RESOLUTION #21-06-28-19:** Motion by Mr. Davis to adjourn meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. Carano seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Davis, yes; Mr. Kent, yes; and Mr. Carano, 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: 07-12-2021

  
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Fiscal Officer

Approved:

  
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Chairperson, Board of Trustees