

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

FORTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance, led by Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox.

Call meeting to order

Roll call:

Mr. Showalter	Present	<u> X </u>	Excused	<u> </u>
Mr. Criss	Present	<u> X </u>	Excused	<u> </u>
Mr. Barnett	Present	<u> X </u>	Excused	<u> </u>

Attorney, Mark Finamore was also present.

Adopt Agenda

1. Motion to adopt monthly meeting agenda. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

Approve Monthly Minutes

2. Motion to approve the February 7, 2023 meeting minutes. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

Citizens' Comments

Krista Beniston of the Western Reserve Port Authority was present to request that the Trustees consent and agree to designating an area of the Township as an Enterprise Zone for the purpose of establishing, expanding, renovating or occupying facilities and hiring new employees and preserving jobs within said zones in exchange for specified local tax incentives granted by the county.

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- 3. Resolution 2023-0404-04** be it resolved that the Trustees approve the designation of the enterprise zone in the Maple Ridge district of Smith Township which is located east of Alliance, west of Sebring and north of Columbiana County and extending north of Columbiana County to Alliance/Sebring Rd. (see attached)

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

Approve Financial Reports

- 4.** Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of March 2023 in the amount of \$93,937.78. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

- 5.** Motion to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation Summary for 3/31/2023. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

Issues Discussed:

- 6. Resolution 2023-0404-01** be it resolved the Trustees approve the reallocation to various funds and the budget increase to various funds to cover expenses. (see attached) Passed. (see attached)

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
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- Submitted documents to participate in the new National Opioid Settlements.
- Updated our SAM registration to remain eligible to receive federal grant funding when available. (System for Award Management)
- Update on donations for 6/15 MCTA Dinner Raffle
- 2023 Nopec Energy Grant

- 7. Resolution 2023-0404-03 be it resolved that the Trustees authorize** all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2023 Energized Community Grant. (see attached)

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

Road Report

Zach Wagner, Road Foreman, presented the report for the month of March 2023:

- Filled potholes with HPM
- Cleaned up brush and cut trees from roads after wind storm
- Got stone delivered
- Road drag Martin and Best Roads
- Got new steer tires for the IH dump truck and alignment
- Looked up road mileage for Maple Ridge Rds.
- Maintenance on mowers
- Cleaned out ditches with ditch head
- Pick up trash from roadsides.

Material used:

- Diesel: 177.6 gal
- Gas: 77 gal
- #57 stone: 50 tons
- #617 stone: 25 tons
- HPM: 12 tons

- 8. Resolution 2023-0404-02 be it resolved the Trustees approve** that Smith Township will participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised code 5513.01(B) and agrees to the terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract. (see attached)

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- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna not present. Statistics for the month of March 2023 were presented by Police Officer, Steve McDaniel:

- 70 Incident Report
- 6 Accidents
- 48 Citations
- 147 Traffic Stops
- 259 Business Checks

Also, reported:

- March 26th, the Smith Township Police Dept. collected 22 trash bags of garbage, tires, and scrap metal from the roadside of Lake Park Blvd. from Johnson Rd. to Violet Street.
- Received an audit from the Ohio Attorney General's Office.
- Repaired security lighting at the Township Hall
- Police Department holding a dog food drive April 17th through the 21st to benefit the Mahoning County Dog Warden. They are currently full and have been a tremendous help in the past.

Fire Report

No Report Given.

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, present and presented the March 2023 report:

- Handled all phone calls and correspondence related to zoning and nuisance property issues.
- Gave information on the following: Chickens running at large on neighboring property on S. Range Rd.
- Investigated complaint of resident disposing of garbage on next door neighbor's property on Caldwell Ave. Zoning violation was used for this complaint.
- Questions re: building small pole building for residential purpose on Courtney Rd.
- Received call from Krista Beniston, Western Reserve Port Authority, Trailstar Enterprise Zone for tax abatement application in-process.
- Lisa from Mah. Cty. Auditor's office- address issue
- Investigated complaint of resident on Smith Northwest Rd. re: property line issue- spoke with

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John Armeni, Mah. Cty building inspector for advice.

- Took pics of Tombaugh possible nuisance property issue.
- Reported Beloit 5th St. property issue to Mah. Cty HealthDept and to Sherry Augustein, Beloit VillageCouncil Member.
- Received and investigated complaint re: fence being installed on Alliance Sebring Rd. on possible alley. Spoke with both property owner and complainant.
- Received request for application for garage on N. Johnson Rd.-Measured and gave assurance of code compliance.
- Received complaint on dilapidated property near Mahoning & Noble-have not investigated yet.
- Mailed zoning resolution to resident.
- Received complaint on mobile home Thompson Ave.-spoke with Ryan at Mah. Cty Health Dept.
- Received questions re: ability to put mobile home on Oak St.
- Received complaint re: trash being thrown on neighbor's property on Norman Ave.
- 14161 Lake Park Row Request for Hearing 3/13/2023 notice given to Mark Finamore.

Approve Reports

9. Motion to accept all reports. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

Adjournment

Motion by Chairman, Mr. Showalter to adjourn meeting.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. MAY 2, 2023.