

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of January 2024 in the amount of \$67,913.01. 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:

- Interest earned for 2023 from Farmer's National Bank totaled \$44,053.18.
- Spring MCTA meeting. Save the date 3/20/2024 Hosted by Beaver Township. Trustees Larry Barnett and Scott Showalter will be attending.
- Judge Katelyn Dickey, for court of Appeals 7th District has been invited to our March meeting.
- NOPEC Update.

4. RESOLUTION 2024-0206-02

Be it resolved the Smith Township Trustees authorize all actions necessary to accept northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2024 Energized Community Matching Grant for \$5,057. Passed. (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, present and presented the report for the month of January 2024:

- Road drag Martin Rd and Best Rd
- Grease Equipment
- Road check for downed trees
- Cut and move trees off of roadways
- Fill potholes with HPM
- Salt and plow multiple times
- Clean trucks after salting

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- Get 50 tons of salt delivered
- Put ditching head on the Case IH tractor
- Clean and cut ditch with head

Material used:

- Gas: 72.5 Gallons
- Diesel: 223 Gallons
- HPM: 4 ton
- #304 stone: 10 ton
- #4 stone: 8 ton
- #57 stone: 12 ton
- Salt: 50 ton delivered

Status: OPWC sign grant has been put on extension.

- 5. Motion to approve** the removal of 3 Maples trees in North Benton and trim up and cut dead wood out of remaining trees by Christy Tree @ a cost of \$4,000.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

- 6. Motion to approve** the usage of the baseball field located at the Maple Ridge Park by West Branch Baseball League for the 2024 baseball season. Proof of Insurance to be provided.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna was present and reported Statistics for the month of January 2024:

- 72 Incident Reports
- 12 Accidents
- 34 Citations
- 117 Traffic Stops

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- 298 Business Checks

Also discussed putting a member of our PD on Alliance Special Response Team (SRT) at an approximate cost of \$12,000.

Fire Report

No Report Given.

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, present and presented the January 2024 report:

- Handled all correspondence and phone calls related to zoning/nuisance property issues.
- Made routine visual inspection of portions of township.
- Created spread sheets for tracking purposes for possible demos, nuisance/abatement, and junk vehicles.
- Updated photos of older cases.
- Mailed certified letters with return receipt request to property owners of 13910 Francis Ave., Alliance and W. Oregon Ave. (no street address for actual property) regarding nuisance/abatement issues. No response from either property owner. Since the 7-day period has expired the township can now move forward with the cleanups.
- Provided required information to Title One for limited lien searches for 22787 Alliance Sebring Rd., 18384 Courtney Rd., 13910 Francis Ave., and 13640 Stanley Ave., at a cost of \$125.00 per search.
Lien searches are now complete and there are no liens other than back taxes.
- Composed detailed letter to Colton Masters, Mahoning County Health Dept., Director of Environmental Health related to twp. resident complaints on W. Oregon property. Mr. Masters phoned me and we talked at length. I related findings to complainant.

Sampling of calls I fielded:

W. Pine Lake Rd. resident- septic and flooding

Appraiser- 21236 Lake Park zoning classification

Possible land purchase on Pine Lake-flood zone questions

Tanner Realty-Railroad property possible demo

Various realtors/appraisers needing zoning classifications-11 calls

Resident seeking to purchase one of the properties the township may demo.

- 7. Resolution 2024-0206-07A**, be it resolved the Trustees of Smith Township hereby declare that the vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris constitutes a nuisance located at 13910 Francis Ave., Alliance, OH, 44601 parcels #160210148000 and 160210149000 in accordance with 505.87. Passed (see attached)

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss

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- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

8. Resolution 2024-0206-07B, be it resolved the Trustees of Smith Township hereby declare that the vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris constitutes a nuisance located at 14110 Ellett Rd., Beloit, OH, 44609 parcel #160610016000 in accordance with ORC 505.87. Passed (see attached)

Moved by Mr. Barnett Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

9. Resolution 2024-0206-07C, be it resolved the Trustees of Smith Township hereby declare the following structure located at 13566 Tombaugh Ave., Alliance, OH, 44601, parcel #160170050000 to be insecure, unsafe and structurally defective by the Fire Chief. Be it further resolved that the Trustees Declaration of Nuisance and intention to remove be given in accordance with ORC Section 505.86. Passed (see attached)

Moved by Mr. Barnett Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

Approve Reports

10. Motion to accept all reports. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Motion to go into Executive Session during the Regular meeting for the purpose of discussing employee compensation of the Zoning Inspector, Peggy Christy. It was moved and seconded that the Board to go into Executive Session. Passed.

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✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

12. Motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session of the Board Meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session and back into open Session of the Board Meeting. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

No action taken at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Chairman, Mr. Showalter to adjourn meeting.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. MARCH 5, 2024.