

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGUALR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

Troy Rhoades from First Energy present to discuss:

- Easements and encroachments established by First Energy/Ohio Edison for service repairs have, over time, become blocked by property owners'. In the event a Smith Township citizen comes to us with a complaint or concern, direct them to Mr. Rhoades or the First Energy contact center.
- Mr. Rhoades provided First Energy cards with contact information to be put in our public service vehicles.
- First Energy has a 40 ft. self-contained "Safety Trailer" available to the public which is designed to teach the public through a 45-minute presentation about the risks of above ground and below ground wires.
- First Energy Street light to LED program giving communities transition options. 1. pay option, 2. finance option, 3. Replace on failure.

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, asked Mr. Rhoades about potential fiber optic cable to be run in the Lake Park/Alden area. He said he would get back if this project is going to happen.

Robin Utt was present and requested that the Smith Twp. 2022 financial statements and the 2023 budgeted financials be mailed to her home address. Hope Crow was also present.

Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of January 2023 in the amount of \$95,063.39. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. Motion to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation Summary for December, 31 2022 and January 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

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Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

Issues Discussed:

5. **Resolution 2023-0207-04 be it resolved the Trustees approve the purchase of new board room chairs to comply with the provisions of the Cares Act specifically ARP in the amount of \$2,000.00. (see attached) Passed.**

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

- Interest earned for 2022 totaled \$15,464.19.
- Interest rates at F.N. B. and CAT to finance new road loader are 5.14% and 6.99% respectively.
- Kiko annual machinery and equipment auction Feb. 27 and 28th.
- Title search request sent by Mark Finamore for 779 Lake Park Rd. and 14161 Lake Park Row.
- We have received the estimate for demolition of 14255 Lake Park Row, **have we sent a title search?**
- NOPEC Update.
- Spring MCTA meeting.

Road Report

Zach Wagner, Road Foreman, present and presented the report for the month of January 2023:

- Road checks after storms for downed trees and drainage issues
- Clean out ditch on Heisler past crossover
- Fill potholes with HPM
- Talked with Alliance about buying a plow system off them at scrap yard price (\$200)
- Change driveway culvert
- Salt & plow roads
- Shop work, clean trucks
- Haul #9 gravel

Material used:

- Diesel: 169 gal
- Gas: 75.5
- Salt: 75 Tons

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Trustee Scott Showalter reported that the OPWC sign grant we received is close to completion for the acquisition of signs. No. 1 priority is to get the curve signs on Lexington Road.

Trustee Larry Barnett reported that he has been working with the Road Department to clean out the road garage and gather items to be scraped and items to be taken to the Edinburg Auction. Contractor, Larry Beck, has finished insulating ceiling, finishing the last two bays in the garage, and installing two mercury lights.

- 6. Resolution 2023-0207-02 be it resolved the Trustees approve** the purchase of a new Volvo Wheel Loader for the Road Department at a cost of \$162,362. Sourcewell provided the lowest of three quotes, the Dealership is Rudd Equipment – Pittsburgh. and will have the loader to us by May 2023. The Township will finance \$100,000 over 5 yrs.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present due to illness. Statistics for the month of January 2023 were presented by Police Officer Steve McDaniel:

- 75 Incident Reports
- 8 Accidents
- 47 Citations
- 119 Traffic Stops
- 187 Business Checks

Also, the reported:

- Purchased twp. radar units for the amount of \$1,401 (Drug Task Force Money)
- Replaced the engine in Car #31 at Pops due to engine failure.

Fire Report

No Report Given.

Zoning Report

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

- Handled all correspondence and phone calls related to zoning/nuisance property matters.
- Discussed possible demo of properties with Bob Rinehart, owner of ACT Excavating.
- Assigned address for property on Beloit Snodes Rd.

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- Received complaint on Alliance Sebring Rd property pertaining to possible lack of business license, permits, and questioned if owner is paying taxes and hazmat fees, etc.- took photos for Trustees.
- Received complaint of a garage on Lake Park Row in disrepair- photos for Trustees.
- Responded to appraiser of property on Alden Ave. as to whether the additional parcels (separate from parcel where home is located) would be labeled surplus land vs excess land for FHA loan.
- Farm sign permit question in unzoned area.
- Ramp permit question in unzoned area.
- Request for zoning classification: Oyster Rd., 5th St. Beloit, Alden Ave.

The Trustees requested that Peggy send a “Friendly Letter” to the property owners of the complaint properties located on North Mahoning Ave, Rail Road St. and Lake Park Row and ask them to clean up their properties.

Approve Reports

7. 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

Adjournment

Motion by Chairman, Mr. Showalter to adjourn meeting.

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