

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

<b>THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>
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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**

- Mr. and Mrs. Jade George were present.
- Nadine & Eric Peterson inquired about how to go about buying the 825 W. Tennessee Ave property (neighboring property now a vacant lot). Mark Finamore recommended they call the Mahoning County Treasurers Daniel Yemma's Office and push to do a tax foreclosure on the property.
- Andrew Helmuth asked about the best way to have a structure removed from his property on California Ave. and was told by Mark Finamore that he should contact local structure demolition companies and that the removal is the landowner's responsibility.

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**Approve Financial Reports**

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of January 2023 in the amount of \$79,956.05. 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 2/28/2023. 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:**

5. **Resolution 2023-0307-01 be it resolved the Trustees approve the reallocation** to various funds and the budget increase to various funds to cover expenses. (see attached) Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

- letter to vendors and local businesses for summer MCTA raffle donations for dinner meeting hosted by Smith Township on June 15, 2023
- Ohio Deferred Comp flyers
- Form Fire updates needed for those eligible for insurance
- American Legion Easter Egg Hunt donation

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6. Motion to contribute \$50 to American Legion in support of their East Egg Hunt on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Road Report**

Zach Wagner, Road Foreman, not present, Bob Ritchey, road laborer presented the report for the month of February 2023:

- Road checks after storms for downed trees and drainage issues
- Get salt delivered
- Get new board room chairs for Township meeting room
- Fill potholes with HPM
- Shop work, tore down wall
- Shop work, painted back room and organized.
- Road Drag Martin and Best roads.
- Take Ditching motor off to get seals fixed
- Trim trees back on Pine Lake Rd. for bus garage
- Haul Road Grits

**Material used:**

- Diesel: 81.5 gallons
- Gas: 69 gallons
- Salt: 50 tons
- HPM: 12 tons
- #8 Stone: 16 tons

7. **Resolution 2023-0307-02** be it resolved the Trustees approve the maintenance and repairs to the Road Department Garage at a cost of; Larry Beck Construction- \$3,246.80 and Carter Lumber - \$5,212.21 plus March statement charges. 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.

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Seconded by Mr. Criss

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

**Police Report**

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

- 63 Incident Reports
- 3 accidents
- 50 Citations
- 135 Traffic Stops
- 169 Business Checks

Also, reported:

- Received several complaints from the residents regarding the stop sign at the intersection of Johnson and Middletown. All requested to see if the stop signs can be replaced with lighted ones.
- Trustee Showalter, to check with Patrick Ginnetti, Mahoning County Engineer, about replacing with lighted stop signs.

**Fire Report**

No Report Given.

**Zoning Report**

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

- Handled all phone calls and correspondence related to zoning and nuisance property issues.
- Gave information on the following:
  - Storage units on Oak St.
  - Hair salon permit for microblading
  - Septic installation
  - Structure demo permits
  - Federal firearms permit-twp requirements
  - Mailed zoning resolution to prospective buyer
  - Investigated complaint of abandoned home on Bandy
  - Zoning classifications
  - Prepared list of current/prospective nuisance properties
  - Took photos of nuisance issues.

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- Mailed initial letters to nuisance property owners.

**Approve Reports**

- 8.** 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. APRIL 4, 2023.**