

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGUALR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 08, 2022
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 February in the amount of \$70,020.71. 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 February, 28 2022. 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, present and presented the report for the month of February 2022:

- Salt and plow multiple times
- Fill potholes on various roads with HPM cold patch
- Haul grit for snow and ice control
- Check roads and culverts because of flooding
- Get quotes on lighting and heaters
- Look at roads in E. Alliance to get resurfaced
- Close/reopen roads due to flooding and plow off ice

5. **Resolution 2022-0308-01** to proceed with contracting with Kevin Bartchy, owner of The Lawn Medic, to assist Road Department in mowing Maple Ridge, North Benton Park, and North Benton Cemetery.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

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6. **Resolution 2022-0308-02** to use the NOPEC 2022 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT to utilize the services of Bench Electric to perform the labor necessary and furnish the material to change the lighting in the Township Road Garage on Courtney over to energy efficient LED lighting at a cost of \$2,500.00.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. **Resolution 2022-0308-03** to approve the purchase of Radiant Tub Heating from White Refrigeration to replace faulty existing system at the Township Road Garage at a cost of \$3,450.

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 present. Statistics for the month of February 2022 presented:

- 76 Incident Reports
- 7 Accidents
- 65 Citations
- 145 Traffic Stops
- 226 Business Checks

Chief Ceresna was commended for his efforts in adopting and implementing state standards established by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

Sargent Donald Davis was presented by Trustee Terry Criss a LETTER OF COMMENDATION in recognition of saving the life of a 1 year old who was overdosing on Fentanyl. Due to his quick action the child was revived by administering NARCAN.

Cruiser damaged in an accident where during a stop the cruiser was struck by a passing vehicle.

8. **Resolution 2022-0308-04** to approve the purchase of a new camera system for the Police Department to replace and the outdated system currently in place. The system cost is \$15,925 and will be purchased with funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP). See attached Resolution.

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Seconded by Mr. Barnett

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

9. **Resolution 2022-0308-05** to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer for the Police Department. The cost is \$30,435 and will be purchased with funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP). See attached Resolution.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

Fire Report

No report given

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning Inspector presented the January 2022 Zoning Report:

Handled all correspondence and phone calls related to zoning matters including, but not limited to:

- Questions related to property on Harrisburg Westville Rd. Refereed to Mahoning County Treasurers Office.
- Sent letter verifying zoning classifications to realtor and appraiser.
- Conversed with Rachel Jones regarding open zoning board positions.
- Completed US Census Bureau Boundary and Annexation Survey
- Mailed informational letters to prospective zoning board members.

Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

Issues Discussed:

- Sent to Mark Finamore the Paul Gains, Mahoning County Prosecuting Attorney, letter to provide a well-reasoned legal opinion to support refusal to pay fraudulent unemployment claims for Township Employees based on Opinion #2021-OPIN-0012.
- Discussed adding 2022 new Federal Holiday Juneteenth observed Monday June 20, 2022 as a Holiday for the Township. Trustees declined recognition of Juneteenth Holiday.
- American Legion Post 76 Youth Foundation Easter Egg Hunt donation.

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10. Motion to donate \$50 to the American Legion Post 76

Moved by Mr. Barnett Seconded by Mr. Criss

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

- Form Fire updated by 3/15/2022 – Criss, Barnett, Davis, McDaniel, Thorn Wagner
- We have received notification that our TWP will be receiving a reallocation payment as a distribution of all unclaimed remaining ARPA Grant Funds in the amount of \$692.73.
- After further discussion the Trustees determined that the Colonial Life Insurance, presented by Kay Amon for the Township employees who work 20 hours or more a week is not an option that Smith Township would like to pursue at this time.
- Permanent Appropriation Resolution for fiscal year 2022

11. Resolution 2022-0308-06 Trustees of Smith Township approve and adopt the appropriations totaling \$1,163,252.13 as presented for fiscal year 2022. (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

- Appoint Paul Freer as Code Enforcement Officer for fiscal year 2022

12. Resolution 2022-0308-07 Trustees of Smith Township elect to appoint Paul Freer as Code Enforcement Officer for up to 10 hours a week at an hourly rate of \$14.42 to be paid from the General Fund, reporting to Trustee Terry Criss. (See attached Resolution)

Moved by Mr. Criss Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

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13. 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 12, 2022.