

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The meeting was called to order with a prayer & Pledge of Allegiance by Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox.

Roll Call:

Mr. Showalter	Present	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Excused	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Criss	Present	<input type="checkbox"/>	Excused	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Mannion	Present	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Excused	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attorney, Mark Finamore was not present.

Adopt Agenda

- Motion to adopt monthly meeting agenda. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Mannion

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Approve Monthly Minutes

- Motion to approve the March 3, 2021 Minutes. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Mannion

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Citizens' Comments

- North Benton resident, Ken O'Brock present, along with two friends, Marty Lockridge, and Elaine Burkey. Trustees, Dave Mannion and Scott Showalter presented Ken with an Outstanding Citizenship Award for the pavilion addition to the Township Park in North Benton.
- Dave Bakalar of Thomas Fok & Associates was present to receive the 3 proposals for Phase II of the OPWC West Pine Lake Road Safety Upgrade. The three companies who submitted proposals were:
 - Barbicas Construction Co. (Akron) - \$78,972
 - Lindy Paving (New Galilee, PA) – \$79,539
 - Chagrin Valley Paving (Chagrin Falls) - \$68,960

The Engineers construction cost estimate is \$75,060. All bids are subject to further review before a final decision is made.

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Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of April in the amount of \$61,851.92. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Mannion
Roll Call Vote:
✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

4. **Motion to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation Summary for APRIL 2021.** Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Mannion
Roll Call Vote:
✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Road Report

Jon Conner presented his resignation to the Trustees. He will be available to work through June 25, 2021 but no later. Jon expressed his gratitude to the Township for the opportunity but will be relocating to another area of the state. The Township will begin to search for his replacement.

Zach Wagner, Road Foreman, presented the report for the month of April 2021:

- Repair crossover pipe causing wash out
- Ditch apps. 1,000 ft. with ditching head
- Fill potholes on various roads
- Service mowers, start mowing
- Trim trees and pick up sticks at parks
- Replace starter on backhoe
- Sweep half of the PD
- Road drag Martin Rd.
- Replace sign on PD door with updated contact information

Material used:

- Diesel: 70 gallons
- Gas: 62 gallons
- #57 stone: 12 ton
- HPM: 7 ton

5. **Motion to approve the purchase of drainage culverts and repairs on Thelma, Park and Lake St.** Road Foreman Zack Wagner, to get Trustee Scott Showalter estimated cost of culverts and backhoe rental to complete the job. Passed.

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Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna reported statistics for the month of April 2021:

- 95 Incident Reports
- 4 Accidents
- 77 Total Charges
- 192 Traffic Stops
- 210 Business checks

Chief Ceresna present three paving estimates to pave the Police Department/Township Hall parking lot.

6. **Motion to accept the proposal submitted by Blacktop Specialists to prepare and pave the Township Hall parking lot for approx. \$40,000 to be paid from the Police Fund and \$15,000 from the General Fund. Passed.**

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Mannion

Roll Call Vote:

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| ✓ Yes | No | <u>Mr. Showalter</u> |
| ✓ Yes | No | <u>Mr. Mannion</u> |

Recycling & Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning Inspector and Recycling coordinator presented the April Zoning and Recycling Reports.

Recycling

- Committed to writing a letter to the Mahoning County Green Team to request financing to assist with the paving of the Township Hall parking lot and for new signage.
- Requested and received approval for bin pulls to be full pulls every Tuesday and Friday. This should assist with our bin space issues. (Previously there was a full 4 fin pull on Tuesdays and a half pull on Fridays)
- The Mahoning county Deputies from the Sheriff’s Department will be helping with disposing of all the heavy items that are difficult and costly for the recycling department to handle.

Zoning

- Followed up with the nuisance property mailing and phone calls to complainants from previous month. Forwarded grievances to Mahoning County Health Dept.
- Assisted landowner with phone numbers, possible purchase of vacant land for green space purposes, land bank auditor, etc.
- Assisted resident with information with selling frontage of her property. Wanted to split parcel.
- Verified zoning classification for 6 properties.
- Spoke with Mahoning County Engineer’s office about road right of way for resident pursuing fence installation.
- Participated in zoom training through GIS Dept. for new county-wide address assignment portal.

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7. **2021-0505-01 Resolution to increase Zoning stipend to \$1,000 per month beginning May 1, 2021 for services provided by the Zoning Inspector, Peggy Christy. Passed.**

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Mannion

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

8. **2021-0505-01 Resolution to cancel Insurance Benefits for the Zoning Inspector/Recycling Coordinator, Peggy Christy, effective May 1, 2021 due to reduced hours. Passed.**

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Mannion

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

9. **Motion to approve the Summer break from Township monthly meetings for the months of July and August. Passed.**

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Mannion

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Other Issues Discussed:

- Cemetery fence still under negotiation. Trustee Showalter to call Southway Fence for further discussion on fence design.
- OTARMA – CBIZ Valuation Group – Township Hall Appraisal.
- Thank you from Morris Financial for renewing our health/life insurance.
- Ohio Revised Code Section 505.31 waste collection fund – use of fund, effective 9/28/2016 – 2nd paragraph. “If a district is abandoned or discontinued, any balance remaining in the fund for that district shall be paid into the general fund of the township.”
- Clarification of wording in Fire and Dispatch contracts.
- Notice that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages in your political subdivision will expire on 7/1/2021. In order to maintain permit privileges, every permit holder must file a renewal application.

Approve Reports

10. Motion to accept all reports

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Mannion

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Adjournment

Motion by Chairman, Mr. Mannion to adjourn meeting.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. June 2, 2021.