

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

EIGHTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

Citizens' Comments

Nickolas W. Mucklo asked permission from the Trustees to shut down N. 12th Street, Saturday, November 18, 2023, for a couple of hours to remove large dead trees in the Island Creek area. Permission was unanimously granted.

Mr. Showalter publically thanked Jade & Pam George and Liz Ramsey (all present) for their work on the getting the Township Police and Fire Levy passed on the November 7, 2023 voting day.

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Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$153,766.24. 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 10/31/2023. 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:

1. **Resolution 2023-1114-01** be it resolved the Trustees of Smith Township approve the reallocation to various accounts within the fund and the budget increase to various funds to cover expenses. 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

2. **Resolution 2023-1114-03** be it resolved the Trustees of Smith Township approve the revisions to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations to include the clarification of who is responsible for opening and closing the burial sites and who is responsible for setting the footers and regulations of the footers. New revised version will be posted on the Smith Township website. Passed

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Other:

- Effective 11/15/2023, Farmers National Bank of Canfield will no longer be reviewing signatures on items presented for payment against these accounts.
- Change in electric supplier on 11/02/2023 from First Energy to NOPEC
- LEGAL DEFENSE flyer posted for law enforcement professionals.
- Salt shed financial support funding request sent to Mahoning County Office of Management & Budget to be reviewed after the first of the year.
- Balance in the Covid Fund, #2272, is \$158,821.16 after all approved expenditures.

Road Report

Zach Wagner, Road Foreman, presented the report for October 2023:

- Lay and roll 448 asphalt on various roads
- Mow and weed eat township buildings and shooting range
- Dig ditch on Smith NW road and NB West Road
- Boom mow roadside ditches
- Fix bus turn around on Lake Park Row
- Make a stone pad with 617 stone in front of recycling bins
- Open salt shed
- Haul grit for snow and ice control
- Get tire fixed on IH tractor
- Paint new plow bracket on IH truck
- Go to trunk or treat at Maple Ridge

Material used:

- Gas: 60 Gallons
- Diesel: 142.5 Gallons
- 448 Asphalt: 24 Tons
- 617 Stone: 23 Tons

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna presented Statistics for October 2023:

- 82 Incident Reports
- 6 Accidents
- 33 Citations
- 87 Traffic Stops
- 191 Business checks

-New Cruiser was put into Service

-Held a successful Trunk or Treat event on October 28 at Maple Ridge Park

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- 3. Resolution 2023-1114-04** to accept the two-year contract between Smith Township and the Village of Sebring for Police Dispatching for Smith Township at an annual cost of \$20,692.00 beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. Passed.

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 Fire Report

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, presented the October 2023 report:

- Handles all phone calls and questions related to zoning, nuisance property issues, and address assignments. Highlights for Oct. 2023 included in report.
- Single-wide mobile home question for 305 N. Mahoning.
- High tension wire question related to land use on N. Benton West.
- Assigned address for Oyster Rd. property.
- Submitted requested information for title searches to Attorney Finamore for two demos on Stanley Ave.
- Consulted with Mahoning County Planning Commission & Rusty Kiko on re-plats for Alliance Sebring Rd. properties.

- Composed list of possible homes for demolition, took photos, looked up parcel numbers, addresses and gave conditions of vacant, abandoned, deteriorated homes. Also forwarded list to Fire Inspector Mike Springer with a deadline of November 20th for him to return reports.

Under Investigation due to receiving complaints on the following:

- Possible human habitation in trailer @ 22046 Norman
- Possible drug dealer putting lawn mower parts on vacant where recent demo of trailer took place. Near Taylor Ave.
- Possible human habitation in pop-up camper on Oyster Rd.
- Possible truck in ditch, horses not taken care of properly, rat infestation, human habitation in camper on Alden Ave.
- Possible junk vehicles, tire and furniture burning, concerns over well water and what may be leaking into soil on Beloit Snodes Rd.

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Approve Reports

4. Motion to accept all reports. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

Adjournment

Motion by Chairman, Mr. Showalter to adjourn meeting.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. December 5, 2023.