

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022  
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

<b>SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>
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The meeting was called to order with a prayer & Pledge of Allegiance by Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox.

Roll Call:

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

Attorney, Mark Finamore was present.

**Adopt Agenda**

1. Motion to adopt monthly meeting agenda. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss                      Seconded by Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Approve Monthly Minutes**

2. Motion to approve the June 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and August 2, Special 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**

1. **Faithe Hoschar**, of 1318 S. Mahoning Ave. (across from the bowling alley), concerned about her neighbor who is spray painting his house and she is afraid that with the close proximity to her residence, the spray will get on her siding. Township Legal Counsel Mark Finamore suggested she contact the Mahoning County Public Health Dept. for rules and guidance that specifically address her circumstance.
2. **Tim and Lorraine Koscinski**, of 21065 Alliance-Sebring Rd., filed a complaint with the Mahoning County Public Health against their neighboring house (13568 Bandy Rd. - owner David Stanley) that upon investigation displays potential burrows that resemble that of a rat. Also present was Mike McDaniel, of 21049 Alliance – Sebring Rd. to express his concerns about the rat problem in the

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neighborhood. The 13568 Bandy property has gone up for foreclosure by Mahoning County for tax delinquency (Ohio Rev. Code 5721.18).

Both parties agree that the adjacent property at 13545 Caldwell Ave, (owner Teresa Tuel) may be the primary contributor to the rat problem. The property has an old abandoned swimming pool that may be a watering source for the rats. Legal Counsel, Mark Finamore, suggested that Peggy Christy, Smith Township Zoning Inspector, take pictures of the Caldwell Property to send to the Health Dept. to abate the property or at least abate the pool. The Township needs a letter from the Health Department condemning it to give them authority to act.

The Koscinki's thanked the police department for service in their neighborhood.

3. **Eric and Nadine Peterson**, of 815 W. Tennessee Ave., informed the board that the electric has been disconnected at the 825 W. Tennessee Ave. property and that there is an intersection close to their residence that tall grass and weeds obscure or limit a driver's view and was inquiring if that is the Townships responsibility. Zach Wagner, Smith Township Road Foreman, said that intersection is either Sebring's or the railroads responsibility and to contact them because he cannot cross jurisdictions.
4. **Michelle Reagan-Smith**, of 14023 Bandy Rd., expressed concerns with her electric bill and was inquiring about how the opt out program works. Trustee Scott Showalter explained that NOPEC will be returning accounts to the electric utility beginning with the next meter read, which may take one or two billing cycles to save limit costs for residents. Also, all residents where given the opportunity to opt out of NOPEC and if they did not they were automatically switched to NOPEC.

**Approve Financial Reports**

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants in the amounts of \$102,732.61 for June, \$72,247.04 for July, and \$89,139.72 for August. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. Motion to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation Summary for June 30, July 31, and August 31, 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

**Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report**

**Issues Discussed:**

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- 5. Resolution 2022-0906-01 be it resolved the Trustees approve the reallocation** to various funds and the budget increase to various funds to cover expenses. (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

- On 7/12/2022 American Legion Post 76 thanked the Township for our donation to their Easter Egg Hunt.
  - McGarvey Heating and Cooling donated over \$1,500 of work in our Township Hall. They cleaned all air flow units and installed a Reme Halo Unit which is top of line in controlling mold, bacteria, viruses and allergens in our Township Hall as a thank you for being a customer for over 25 years.
  - On 7/12/2022 the Township received its second payment of the American Rescue Plan Act, Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$174,212.86.
  - Ohio Public Entity Consortium (OPEC) Vision Plan Renewal offered a new plan, VSP Easy Options, which would increase our benefit cost approximately \$165 a month. Trustees agreed to keep coverage as is.
- 6. OTARMA Invoice 2022-2023 Anniversary Contribution Coverage limit increase. Motion to stay with current coverage. Passed.**

Moved by: Mr. Criss    Seconded by: Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

- 7. Resolution 2022-0906-02 Be it resolved** that the Trustees accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authoring the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Passed.  
(see attached resolution)

Moved by: Mr. Barnett    Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

- 8. Resolution 2022-0906-03 Be it resolved** that the Trustees vote to approve the Spring Cleanup expenditure be from the 2272-Coronavirus (ARP) Funds. Passed (see attached resolution)

Moved by: Mr. Barnett    Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

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✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

- 9. Resolution 2022-0906-04 Be it resolved** that the Trustees vote to approve the lighting upgrades at the Township Hall expenditure from the 2272-Coronavirus (ARP) Funds. Passed (see attached resolution)

Moved by: Mr. Barnett                      Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

- 10. Resolution 2022-0906-07 Be it resolved** that the Trustee vote to declare properties unsafe, unsecure, and structurally defective based on the inspection of the Townships Fire Chief. Passed (see attached resolution)

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, presented the report for the month of August 2022:

- Boom mowed and brush hogged roadsides
- Filled potholes with HPM
- Mowed and weed eat shooting range for PD
- Cut brush back on roadsides
- Swept roads
- Laid and rolled asphalt
- Clean out shed at Police Department
- Road dragged Martin and Best rd. and did berm work

Materials used:

- Diesel: 245 gallons
- Gas: 60 gallons
- Asphalt: 32 ton
- HPM: 6 ton

**Police Report**

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present. Statistics for the months of July and August 2022 presented by Police Sergeant, Don Davis:

- 92 and 88 Incident Reports
- 4 and 7 Accidents
- 76 and 79 Citations
- 180 and 152 Traffic Stops

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- 277 and 250 Business Checks

Also reported, a part-timer Detective Reed resigned and Ryan Smith was hired to take his place.

A full-timer Police Patrolman Justin Rhome is leaving for better pay and currently searching for a full-timer to fill his vacancy.

**Pizza with the Police** to be held at the Township Hall, Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 2:00.

The Smith Township Police Department have volunteered to spread rubber chips to help cushion the ground around the playground equipment at both Maple Ridge and North Benton Parks.

The Police Department is preparing for the Police Levy to be on the ballot in the general election to be held on November 8, 2022 for the purpose of providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications and other equipment, buildings and sites for such buildings in the operation of the police department, for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time police or administrative personnel including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.33 of the Ohio Revised Code, for the payment of cost incurred by the township as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions in order to obtain police protection and ambulance or emergency medical services, or for the payment of any other related cost. It has been since 1999 that the last police levy passed.

Trustee Larry Barnett purchased Police levy signs. Our legal Counsel, Mark Finamore, will be donating to help cover costs and Trustees Terry Criss, and Scott Showalter and Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox will also be pitching in to help cover costs.

**Fire Report**

No report given

**Zoning Report**

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**Approve Reports**

11. Motion to accept all reports. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

✓	Yes	No	<u>Mr. Barnett</u>
✓	Yes	No	<u>Mr. Criss</u>
✓	Yes	No	<u>Mr. Showalter</u>

**Adjournment**

Motion by Chairman, Mr. Showalter to adjourn regular meeting.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. October 4, 2022.