

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024  
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

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| <b>NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF<br/>TRUSTEES</b> |
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Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance, led by Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox. Attorney Mark Finamore was not present.

Call meeting to order

Roll call:

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| 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> |

**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 1, 2024 Regular meeting minutes and the Oct. 23, 2024 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**

Melinda Kinser of Heacock Ave. and Liz Ramsey of 12<sup>th</sup> Street, concerned citizens of the Play Ground Equipment at the Maple Ridge Park, asked for an update on the Status of the Play Ground.

Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox, reported that there is currently approximately \$1,400 in donations available, and that three Grants were submitted on October 15, 2024 to the Mahoning County Community Foundation for a total of \$110,000. The Township is currently awaiting the outcome of the Grant submission scheduled for mid-December. In addition, a portion of the \$70,000 remaining Covid monies will be used toward the purchase. The Township received a quote from

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Hartville Outdoor Products in the amount of \$170,0000 geared to an all-inclusive play area and playground equipment. The Township remains hopeful for additional donations.

Mr. Weber, who resides on a county road asked for his existing driveway culvert to be replaced by the township. The Township does not do County Road Culvert repair or replacement. Trustee Showalter to call the Mahoning County Engineer for status update.

**Approve Financial Reports**

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and bills paid for the month of September 2024 for a total amount of \$126,337.19. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

The October 2024 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.  
The October 2024 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer:

- Read the fund cash October 31, 2024 balances.
- Update on the Status of the Maple Ridge Park Playground grants and equipment.  
Filed 3 grants with the Mahoning County Community Foundation, will know by 12/16/2024 if we were awarded.
- Fraudulent charge to our PF Sweep account of \$198.65 called on 11/04 for resolution, currently working with the bank on making the accounts more secure.
- Shut off electric at North Benton Park (per Ken O'Brock)
- Attended a CPIM (Center for Public Investment Management) on 10/24/2024 in Columbus to get my 6 credit hours for the year.

**Road Report**

Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, present and presented the report for October of 2024:

- 220" of 12" double wall storm pipe installed on the south side of Island Creek, and
- Finished New Salt Shed at the Road Garage
- Returned Spreader Box to Goshen Twp.
- Mowed at Police Dept. and shooting range
- Got boom mower welded
- Changed oil on Case
- Met with paving foreman on Alden – Brian Perkins
- Performed maintenance on chainsaw

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- Road drag Martin Rd.
- Replaced batteries in equipment
- Picked up new Trailer at Appalachian Trailers
- Changed oil in Chevy truck

Materials used:

- 121.6 gallons Diesel Fuel
- 32 gallons Gasoline
- 6 Ton 617
- 3 Ton HPM

Additionally:

- The Road Department would like to note and send out a Thank You to the Village of Sebring for donating their equipment to black top the Salt Shed area.
- OPWC granted funds toward the Oyster Road paving project from Courtney to South Range.

**Police Report**

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present. Trustee Terry Criss presented the report on Statistics for October of 2024 as follows:

- 122 Incident Report
- 9 Accidents
- 55 Citations
- 197 Traffic Stops
- 403 Business Checks

Additional Reported:

Held 6<sup>th</sup> annual very successful Trunk or Treat on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Beloit Park.

**Fire Report**

No Report Given.

**Zoning Report**

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, was not present, the October 2024 report is as follows:

- Spoke at length via text several times with W. Oregon property owner re: neighbor's nuisance issue. Forwarded pertinent portions to trustees and Attorney Finamore with 11 attachments of paperwork involved. That case has since been remedied and property is now cleaned up and no longer in violation of ORC 505.87 and zoning code. Homeless man has moved.
- S. Johnson nuisance issue is in progress by property owner. Have extended their deadline due to family medical issues and amount of progress being made.
- Very slow progress is being made on nuisance issue at 18412 Courtney Rd.
- Zoning classification calls on:
- Appraiser needed zoning classification for 19540 Harrisburg Westville Rd. Plus water/sewer info.

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- Responded to Mah. County Planning Commission on replats: 21072 Oak St. and 19540 Harrisburg Westville
- Solar development company interested in property north of Highway Twp. Rd. 30 (W. Calla Rd.) and east of State Rt. 14
- Electric fence legality questions for property near 19598 Courtney Rd.
- Storm water pollution prevention DLZ Ohio Consultants question re: requirements, regulations, submittals, etc.
- Builders Exchange: do they need to purchase bid documents?
- Clayton Homes-resident wants to put single-wide on Alliance Sebring Rd.
- Responded to Beaver Twp. Zoning Office with info on commercial permit fees.
- Was off 5 days (Oct. 7-11) for vacation.

**Approve Reports**

4. 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. December 3, 2024.**