

SMITH TOWNSHIP REGUALR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

NINETH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance, led by Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox. Mark Finamore was present.

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>

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 7, 2025 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

Last month:

Liz Ramsey announced she is happy with the improvements on the Maple Ridge Park, however, she has concerns on the safety of children when not companioned by parents. Trustee Criss said he would ask the police to increase patrol of the area.

Bret E. Smith checked on the status of the Township Fireworks policy. The Township has not confirmed what their policy will be and will have it by the next meeting.

Christina Murphy lives next to the Maple Ridge Park and has concerns about the person who is technically inhabiting the old decrepit building on the south end of Maple Ridge Park next to recycle. Attorney Mark Finamore, will investigate options for the Township.

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Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$101,046.23. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

The October 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The October 2025 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

Issues Discussed:

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant denial for Round 31. Resubmit application for next funding cycle.
- Resolution for Hazmat damages
- Mahoning County Community Foundation Grants reapply 1/2026

Road Report

Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, presented the report for the summer months of October 2025:

Rolled out ruts with Dynapac Roller at MRP and PDSR
Remove zero turn mower blades and replace with sharp blades.

Prep and paint tire rims on the International.

Prep and paint the Road drag.

Cut grass at the PD and MRP.

Cut approach at the North door, remove mud.

Cut berms on Oyster section recently paved from West South Range to Courtney Rd.

Back up berms on Lexington Rd with mix of 617s and 57s.

Cut grass at shop, boom mow begins areas Northern Township.

Close roads per Dispatch for Chicken remains clean up.

Mix Grits with salt in new salt shed

Push up 50ton of 617s and 50Ton 57s and 25ton 304s

Start another round of road side mowing

Patch bad areas on Island Creek with HPM

HPM in others areas as well

Trunk Or Treat with HeyHo Bob, F550and Road Barricade

Remove Boom Mower head and install ditching head

Measure Oak St for culvert pipe and catch basin

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Tear down ditching head for repairs

Determined Well repair, possible new well, needed at the Township Road Garage

Materials Used:

172 gallons Diesel

24.1 gallons Gas

9 Ton HPM

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present, Trustee Terry Criss presented the report for the month of October 2025:

- 122 incident reports
- 9 Accidents
- 41 Citations
- 114 Traffic Stops
- 413 Business Checks

Other:

Car #35 was damaged in an accident with a deer and will be repaired at an approximate estimated cost of \$2,600.

Ptl. Francis attended a week-long Crisis Intervention Training.

The 7th Annual Trunk or Treat will be held at the Beloit Village Park on October 25, 2025, from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. was a huge success and served over 900 people.

Fire Report

No Fire Report Given

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, present and presented the reports for October 2025:

- Timothy Clark-answered questions on building home.
- Received call from resident about vacant property at 946 Ash St. (elderly owner has moved to another city. Taxes are \$350- per year. Currently delinquent \$980-. Neighbors suspect questionable activity.
- Brian Wheatley wants to vacate three alleys. Gave direction.
- Stephen Morris called for Bart Kelly (property owner) wants to build a 40x50 two story building at 915 W. Ohio (R-1 District). Gave direction.
- Serena Glover would like the empty lot next to her home mowed. She hopes to be able to do it herself by next summer. The township did it one other time in 2024. Owner non-responsive to notifications.

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- Craig Eick is concerned about some property for sale on Smith NW Road. It is buildable land, but has photos of old headstones located on the best location to build. He is seeking records for that cemetery and asks if we have laws about the care of private cemeteries.
- I sent complaint forms to county Health Dept. and Building Dept. related to probable unsafe conditions at 20947 Alliance Sebring Rd. (property is over 3 years tax delinquent). Neighboring property owner has legitimate concerns.
- Anthony Cutrona requested name/contact info of company that demolished house on corner of 5th and Main in Beloit. I contacted Beloit Friends Church and forwarded info.
- Spoke with Bill Paxson regarding deplorable conditions of property that he does not own but stores junk vehicles on. He has made a small effort to clean it up, but has a very long ways to go to comply with standards. He states he will have it completed in a couple months. I don't see that happening. Plus, the weeds are terrible. He said he mowed it 8 months ago and thought that was sufficient. I ordered and received title searches for this property. There are no liens other than delinquent property tax.
- National Lien Search Co. made request for open violations on property on 5th St.
- Call from a person who had questioned a vacant lot located in the Township which potentially contains 20 graves. Attorney Mark Finamore suggested the person be directed to the Mahoning County Health Department who should have record of who is buried on the lot.

4. **Resolution 2025-1104-07** be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees deem the structures located at 9253 N. 12th St., North Benton, Ohio 44449 (Parcel #16196003200) have been declared insecure, unsafe, and structurally defective and unfit for human habitation in accordance with O.R.C. 505.86. 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

5. **Resolutions 2025-1101-07A-E** be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of /Trustees hereby determine that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and/or other debris upon the following real property constitutes a nuisance in accordance with O.R.C.505.87. Passed (see attached)

- A. Stanley Ave., Alliance, Ohio 44601 (Eva Griffin) Parcel ID: 190290131000
- B. Lake Park Blvd, Alliance, Ohio 44601 (Brenda Rouse) Parcel ID: 190310055000
- C. Lake Park Blvd, Alliance, Ohio 44601 (Bert O. Boyd) Parcel ID: 190310056000
- D. 22849 Lake Park Blvd, Alliance, Ohio 44601 (William Paxson) Parcel ID: 190310054000
- E. 9253 N. 12th St., North Benton, Ohio 44449 (Jacob and Mathew Jaber) Parcel ID:161960032000

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Seconded by Mr. Criss

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

The Smith Township Board of Trustees were presented bids on the 825 W. Tennessee Rd., Sebring, Ohio 44672 (Parcel #15-015-0-017). Attorney Finamore to draw up a sales agreement for the bid that is accepted.

Approve Reports

6. 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 2, 2025.

ORC 505.86

**RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY TO BE
INSECURE/STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE-ORDERING ABATEMENT**

RESOLUTION No. 2025, 1104-07

BE IT RESOLVED, that the structure(s) on the following premise(s), being previously inspected and declared **insecure, unsafe, and structurally defective** by the Fire Chief and/or Building Inspector and/or **unfit for human habitation** by the Health Department; be and are hereby declared **insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and/or unfit for human habitation** and is (are) ordered removed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this Board's Declaration of Nuisance and intention to **remove** said structure(s) be given in accordance with **Section 505.86 (B) O.R.C.**

List property address, auditor's parcel number:

9253 N. 12th ST., North Benton, Ohio 44449
Parcel Number 161960032000

Moved Mr. Criss Seconded Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Barnett ✓yes ___no

Trustee Criss ✓yes ___no

Trustee Showatler ✓yes ___no

{-Motion Failed}

Resolution Adopted this day 11/04/2025.

Audrey Fox
Audrey Fox, Township Fiscal Officer

11/04/2025
Date

ORC 505.87

DECLARATION OF PROPERTY NUISANCE BY REASON OF OVERGROWN VEGETATION, GARBAGE, REFUSE, AND/OR OTHER DEBRIS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-1104-07A DATE 11/04/2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Smith Township Board of Trustees hereby determines that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and/or other debris upon the following real property constitutes a nuisance.

NUISANCE PROPERTY

Owner of Record: Eva Griffin

Street Address: No street address (Stanley Ave.)

Alliance, Ohio 44601

County Auditor's Parcel ID: 190290131000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this Board's intent to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse, and/or other debris constituting said nuisance be given to all owners of the land and holders of liens of record upon said land in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon proper notice, and failure of the property owner to abate said nuisance within seven days, the Board of Trustees provide for the abatement, control or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris constituting said nuisance in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost expended by the Township for abatement of said nuisance be certified by the Fiscal Officer to the County Auditor, for placement as a lien on the property to be collected as other taxes and returned to the Township General Fund pursuant to **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**

ROLL CALL: moved by Mr. Barnett Seconded Mr. Criss

Trustee Barnett ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Criss ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Sho Walter ☒ yes ☐ no

ORC 505.87

DECLARATION OF PROPERTY NUISANCE BY REASON OF OVERGROWN VEGETATION, GARBAGE, REFUSE, AND/OR OTHER DEBRIS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-1104-073 DATE 11/04/2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Smith Township Board of Trustees hereby determines that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and/or other debris upon the following real property constitutes a nuisance.

NUISANCE PROPERTY

Owner of Record: Brenda Rouse

Street Address: No Street Address/Lake Park Blvd., Alliance, OH

County Auditor's Parcel ID: 190310055000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this Board's intent to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse, and/or other debris constituting said nuisance be given to all owners of the land and holders of liens of record upon said land in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.**; and

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

Trustee Barnett ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Criss ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Showalter ☒ yes ☐ no

ORC 505.87

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Smith Township Board of Trustees hereby determines that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and/or other debris upon the following real property constitutes a nuisance.

NUISANCE PROPERTY

Owner of Record: Bert O. Boyd

Street Address: No Street Address/Lake Park Blvd., Alliance, OH

County Auditor's Parcel ID: 190310056000

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ROLL CALL: Moved by Mr. Burnett Seconded Mr. Criss

Trustee Mr. Burnett ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Mr. Criss ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Mr. Showalter ☒ yes ☐ no

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Smith Township Board of Trustees hereby determines that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and/or other debris upon the following real property constitutes a nuisance.

NUISANCE PROPERTY

Owner of Record: William C. Paxson, Jr.

Street Address: 22849 Lake Park Blvd. Alliance, OH 44601

County Auditor's Parcel ID: 190310054000

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ROLL CALL: Moved by Mr. Barnett Seconded Terry Criss

Trustee Mr. Barnett ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Mr. Criss ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Mr. Showalter ☒ yes ☐ no

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NUISANCE PROPERTY

Owner of Record: Jacob and Mathew Jaber

Street Address: 9253 N. 12th St.

North Benton, Ohio 44449

County Auditor's Parcel ID: 161960032000

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ROLL CALL: moved by Mr. Burnett Seconded Mr. Criss

Trustee Burnett ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Criss ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Shawalter ☒ yes ☐ no