

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGUALR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025**  
**AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

**SIXTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance, led by Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox. Mark Finamore was not 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 May 13, 2025 Regular meeting minutes and May 20, 2025 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**

Residents in the Maple Ridge Park area showed up to thank the Township Trustees for the new play equipment installed at the Park.

Martie and John Kinemond of North Benton reported that the porta john has not been installed at the North Benton Park. Trustee Terry Criss immediately called Chuck Pierce who had it installed by the end of the meeting. Martie and . John also asked and were given permission to mow the neighbors right of way property from the sidewalk to the road.

Ruth A. Studer of Beloit came to the meeting to get caught up on what was going on in the Township.

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**Approve Financial Reports**

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$147,619.97. 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 May 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.  
The May 2025 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

**Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report**

**Issues Discussed:**

- Maple Ridge Park playground updates
- Nature Works Grant update
- Investment Policy

4. Motion to approve and accept the Smith Township Investment Policy as recommended by Canter and Associates during the May 2025 audit. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Road Report**

Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, not present, Trustee, Larry Barnett presented the report for the month of May 2025:

23.83 Ton Gabion delivered Ticket Number 286778  
South Range Rd washout repaired at Eric Miller's Frontage along the roads edge.  
Cut berms in N. Benton  
Organize drain pipe at shop and inventory sizes.  
Dress out 7 crossovers, Oak, Francis, 2 on Park, and 3 on Oyster before blacktop project.  
F550 tailgate adjust/ tighten dog ears.  
HPM dips in the road.  
Roadside ditching with Case ditching head.  
Cut grass all day.  
HPM Oyster and NBW  
Roadside Ditching with Case ditching head approx. 1 mile on Oyster.

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Replace Flag at the PD/Admin building. Order parking blocks and signs for Paul.  
Brush hog 835 W Tenn. vacant lot township owned. Continue brush hog W. Tenn. and W Cal.  
Replace 38 brushes on the Sweepster street sweeper. Swept the shop  
Create ditch at Jake Woods at 18409 Pine Lake Rd, about 250ft to the creek.  
Clean ditch at 22070 of decaying material, about 250ft.  
Cut grass at the Maple Ridge Park ballfield area.  
Road Sweep Price, Canteen, Helen, Monroe, Ash and Center for road condition inspections.  
Helen patched with cold patch (HPM)  
New Box Blade setup with hydraulics for hot mix patching.  
Cut Grass at shop, wash off mower and blow out the shop.  
Barricades on Todd Between Harding and Norman, pole across the street. (Saturday).  
10Gal gas to the N. Benton garage for mower and 2.1gal premix fuel for weed eater.  
Work Island Creek all day, called to preorder Hot Mix for next day project.  
Tree down across the road on Best Rd (after hours).  
Cut lawn to road level to ease mowing, per complaint at 19456 Heisler Rd (60in mower deck).  
Remove ditching head from Case tractor and install boom mower head at the shop.  
17ton Hot Mix on Monroe from east end (top of hill) West to the intersection with Center St. to level deep ruts in the travel lane for Emergency Vehicle access.  
Cut grass at the PD/Admin building twice.  
Boom mowing all day- Matt.  
Degrease and pressure wash the shop floor from the ditching head removal and mower install.  
Rain day.  
Soap and pressure wash the 550 and the Chevy.  
Relocate broken concrete to the rear, North, of the wooden grits shed at the shop.  
Pick up signs from Municipal Signs for PD building and bump stops  
Open ditch at 22286/87 SNW to get standing water moving again.  
Meet with Larry at Maple Ridge Park and at Oak St to go over projects to be completed prior to his return from Vacation.  
Maple Ridge Park playground area excavated out and ready for the mulch company.  
Terry Chris mowed the Maple Ridge Park during the playground area excavation.  
Complete the ditch excavation on SNW and on Oyster on the East side, North of 10151 Oyster per complaint.  
Contact "Cabin" on Attwood Ave about culvert install to gain access to his property. 20ft/10in D/W/P.  
Wash IH and 550 of septic ditch material before returning to the inside of the garage.  
5 Ton HPM on Oyster, SNW and NBW.  
8 Ton HPM on Oyster  
**Materials Used:**  
242.8 Diesel  
53.7 Gas  
17 Ton Hot Asphalt  
20 Ton HPM

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Other: **The Road Trustee Barnett announced the date of the Smith Township Spring Cleanup to be on June 7, 2025 from 8:00 to 1:00.** A flyer has been posted on the Smith Police Dept. Facebook page and posted on the Alliance Review website, also, signs are up.

**Police Report**

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

May 2025:

134 – Incident Reports

4 – Accidents

50 – Citations

155 – Traffic Stops

414 – Business Checks

Other:

Held Books with Badges (reading to the kids) at Union Avenue Methodist Preschool on 5/22 and 5/23/2025.

**Fire Report**

No Fire Report Given

**Zoning Report**

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, present and presented the May 2025 report:

Sent violation request info for property on Courtney Rd. to Omega Title.

Gave zoning classification for Harrisburg-Westville Rd. property.

Fielded questions for fences on Bandy Rd., chickens in northern area of township, minimum square footage for homes, and more.

Received address issue from auditor's office for property on Alden Ave., worked with Gerald D'Angelo from Mahoning County 911 to make appropriate adjustment and contacted home owner.

Assigned address for property on Harrisburg-Westville Rd. home to be built.

Neighbor of 13910 Francis reported more issues with property.

Contractor for upcoming demo contacted me with issue about his tools in basement.

Land owner at 22742 called displeased about forthcoming demo of the house. He said he built it about 15 years ago and it should not be demolished. I explained to landowner that he would be receiving a letter with information related to his legal right to a hearing to present his reasons for his belief that it should not be demolished.

Sent initial letter for zoning violation on Lake Park Row property.

Sent zoning resolution booklet to prospective property owner.

Participated in webinar on Conducting Effective Zoning Inspections.

Requested six title search reports from Title One Agency.

Composed required 505.86 declarations for Land Bank demolitions.

Made copies of Fire Inspector reports for the seven Land Bank demolitions.

Received call questioning the township's stance on large scale solar projects.

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Received a call from Imran Ghulam from NIA Builders, Inc, in Triangle VA, interested in building a state-of-the-art AI data center in an unzoned portion of the township at the NE corner of Oyster and Alliance Sebring RD. (13515 Oyster Rd.)

Received call from Buddy Shively from CVE North America, a solar developer, checking to see if the township prohibited such projects.

Met with zoning commission to discuss possible updates to the resolution.

Received call with request for "Slow-Children at Play" type sign to slow traffic down at 18598 Courtney Rd

- 5. Resolutions 2025-0603-03 through 2025-0603-09** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustees declare that ORC 505.86 properties to be insecure and structurally defective – ordering abatement. Passed. (See attached)

**2025-0603-03** 22472 Alden Ave., Alliance, Ohio #19-031-0-102.00-0

**2025-0603-04** 22421 Alden Ave., Alliance, Ohio #19-031-0-111.00-0

**2025-0603-05** 22342 Alden Ave., Alliance, Ohio #19-036-0-238.00-0

**2025-0603-06** 22317 Alden Ave., Alliance, Ohio #19-036-0-222.00-0

**2025-0603-07** 13910 Francis Ave., Alliance, Ohio #16-021-0-148.00-0,  
and #16-021-0-149.00-0

**2025-0603-08** 13670 Stanley Ave., Alliance, Ohio #19-028-0-016.00-0

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Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

**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

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7. Motion to take a summer recess from the July and August 2025 monthly meetings.  
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. September 2, 2025.

ORC 505.86

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-0603-03

**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:

22472 Alden Ave., Alliance, OH Parcel:19-031-0-102.00-0

Moved Mr Barnett Seconded Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Barnett ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Criss ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Showatler ☒ yes ☐ no

{-Motion Failed}

Resolution Adopted this day June 4, 2025.

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Audrey Fox, Township Fiscal Officer Date

**ORC 505.86**

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-0603-04

**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:

22421 Alden Ave., Alliance, OH Parcel:19-031-0-111.00-0

Moved Mr. Barnett Seconded Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Barnett ✓yes \_\_\_no

Trustee Criss ✓yes \_\_\_no

Trustee Showatler ✓yes \_\_\_no

{-Motion Failed}

Resolution Adopted this day June 4, 2025.

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Audrey Fox, Township Fiscal Officer Date



ORC 505.86

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025 - 0603 - 05

**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:

22342 Alden Ave., Alliance, OH Parcel:19-036-0-238.00-0

Moved Mr. Barnett Seconded Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Barnett ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Criss ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Showatler ☒ yes ☐ no

{-Motion Failed}

Resolution Adopted this day June 4, 2025.

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Audrey Fox, Township Fiscal Officer Date

ORC 505.86

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-0603-06

**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:

22317 Alden Ave., Alliance, OH Parcel: 19-036-0-222.00-0

Moved Mr. Barnett Seconded Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Barnett ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Criss ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee Showatler ☒ yes ☐ no

{-Motion Failed}

Resolution Adopted this day June 4, 2025.

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Audrey Fox, Township Fiscal Officer Date

ORC 505.86

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

RESOLUTION No. 8025-0603-07

**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:

13910 Francis Ave., Alliance, OH, Parcels: 16-021-0-148.00-0 and 16-021-0-149.00-0

Moved Mr. Barnett Seconded Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Barnett ✓yes \_\_\_no

Trustee Criss ✓yes \_\_\_no

Trustee Showatler ✓yes \_\_\_no

{-Motion Failed}

Resolution Adopted this day June 4, 2025.

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Audrey Fox, Township Fiscal Officer Date

**ORC 505.86**

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-0603-08

**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:

13670 Stanley Ave., Alliance, OH Parcel: 19-028-0-016.00-0

Moved Mr. Barnett Seconded Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Barnett ✓ yes \_\_\_ no

Trustee Criss ✓ yes \_\_\_ no

Trustee Showatler ✓ yes \_\_\_ no

{-Motion Failed}

Resolution Adopted this day June 4, 2025.

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Audrey Fox, Township Fiscal Officer Date

**ORC 505.86**

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-0603-09

**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:

13668 Stanley Ave., Alliance, OH Parcel:19-028-0-015.00-0

Moved Mr. Burnett Seconded Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Barnett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trustee Criss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Trustee Showatler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

{-Motion Failed}

Resolution Adopted this day June 4, 2025.

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Audrey Fox, Township Fiscal Officer Date