

SMITH TOWNSHIP REGUALR MEETING  
TUESDAY, May 13, 2025  
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

FIFTH 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 April 1, 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**

Martie Kinemond of North Benton reported that her neighbor is not maintaining their property. Buildings are falling down and the grass has not been mowed. Peggy Christy, zoning inspector, will send a nuisance letter to the owner, Jacob Jaber.

Martie also requested that the Township provide a porta john for the citizens who would like to use the North Benton Park pavilion and building. Trustee, Terry Criss, will contact Chuck Pierce utilizing his porta john service.

Nadine and Eric Peterson requested that Smith Township mow 825 W. Tennessee property, owned by Smith Township, which is adjacent to her home. Trustee. Larry Barnet, said the township will get it worked into their schedule.

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Harry Sarchione, owner of property behind Ralph's Deli, has concerns over the back side of his property becoming trashed and occupied by vagrants. Police Chief, Paul Ceresna, will check into it.

### Approve Financial Reports

- 3.** Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of April 2025 in the amount of \$73,614.46. 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 April 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.  
The April 2025 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

## Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

### Issues Discussed:

- Maple Ridge Park playground updates

4. **Resolution 2025-0513-01** be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustees authorize the filing of the Nature Works Grant Application 31<sup>st</sup> Round due June 1, 2025, whereas the grant which is a 25% matching grant for the purpose of making the Maple Ridge Park play area wheel chair assessable by replacing the rubber mulch with AstroTurf. Passed (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 |

5. **Resolution 2025-0513-02** be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustees authorize the payment of \$38,500 from the General Fund to finalize payment to Hartville Kids World for the Maple Ridge Playground Equipment. Passed (see attached)

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss

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

**6.Resolution 2025-0513-03** Be it resolved that the Smith township Trustees authorize the budget for 2026 to improve the usability of the playground at Maple Ridge Park by making it wheelchair assessable, including the Township funds available, and the Nature works Grant round 31 Mahoning County allocated funds. This budget has been voted on and approved by the Township Trustees. Passed (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

- 7. Resolution 2025-0513-04** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustees authorize the payment of White Refrigeration Invoices totaling \$10,208 for installation of a more energy efficient furnace and air conditioning at the Township Hall and authorize the submission of these invoices for the NOPEC Energy grant 2025 for reimbursement. Passed.

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**

Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, present and presented the report for the month of April 2025:

Measure culvert length on Oak, Thelma, Lake an Park for replacements before blacktop begins.  
Secure landfill gate at main entrance with new chain and combo lock per PD request.  
Bob changed the knives and slingers on the Ditching Head for ditch cleaning.  
Ditching on Heisler Rd, and the Oak street (West end)  
Meet with Larry on Heacock to inspect a catch basin. County issue.  
Meet with Larry on Oak, Francis, Lake and Park for water direction cleanout.  
Bob continued ditching on Heisler Rd Bruce, HPM on Oyster Rd.  
Called OUPS for Smith Goshen Rd for ditching between Courtney and Pine Lake Rd  
A509400861.

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Dispatch call out for high water road closures on 4/5.  
Saw cut Francis and Oak as well as Park and Oak intersections for culvert replacements.  
Pick up 12in Double wall culvert pipe.  
Meet with Mike on Heisler Rd at the tree to be removed before blacktop.  
Bob ditching on Smith Goshen Rd.  
Fueled F550, Mini Ex and loaded the Mini onto the trailer. Loaded 4, 20ft, 12inD/W N/P pipe onto the F550 for culvert replacement.  
Met with the homeowner on Park Ave to advise of the culvert at the end of her driveway to clear any schedule conflict.  
Ordered #1s and 304s from Subtropolis.  
Measured Oak St at Thelma, 120ft, for culvert install prior to blacktop project.  
Replaced knives and slingers on the ditching head, Bob ditching all day. Ordered replacement knives and slingers from Mike Hubble.  
Received #1s, 27.47 ton and 304s, 28.26 ton.  
Met with Rick Dean at North Benton for summer mowing of the park and cemetery, fueled, checked the oil and started the zero turn. Left fuel for mower on site.  
Picked up the road closed signs and barricades from Heisler tree removal, also picked up cones on Oak at culvert replacements.  
HPM on Francis Ave, Richards and Alden. Met Larry on Heisler for pavement concerns.  
B&B cut edges for blacktop on Lake St, Thelma, Park Ave as well as Oak St from Lake St to Francis.  
Bob- re-ditching and shaping on Heisler at the location of the tree removal  
Returned Curtis Wards' phone call concerning long stretch of holes on Francis off Lake Park Blvd.  
Cut in and set catch basin on NW corner of Oak and Francis and replace 56ft of 12in D/W N/P under road surface. Install additional 36ft across Francis following day.  
Work with Larry on old salt shed rebuild  
Matt cut grass all day, Bob continue to help Larry on finishing the salt shed rebuild.  
Install 2-4in risers on catch basin at Oak and Francis, Saw cut crossover pipe upper Oyster and call OUPS Dig number A511403136 to replace 15in pipe.  
Sweep the parking lot of the PD Building for blacktop sealing, Bob to Marlboro Supply for 8 sticks 15in, D/W, N/P, 1,90deg and a band for further crossovers.  
HPM on Brickyard Rd and Fish Creek. Move Gritts from outside into old salt shed.  
Saw cut Oyster 120ft North of address 9023 for Culvert pipe replacement.  
Replace 2 culverts on upper Oyster and pick up dumped tiers on Martin Rd thru the woods.  
Received new brushes for JD broom from Orion, Ordered Gabion for South Range Rd culvert backing.  
Diesel 181.4 Gal.  
Gas 74.2 Gal.  
304s 30 Ton.

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.** Peggy Christy completed a flyer with further explanation.

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Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, asked for two more dumpsters at the recycle location at Maple Ridge Park. Trustee Scott Showalter will contact the Green Team at Mahoning County.

- 8. Resolution 2025-0513-05** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustees authorize the written agreement between Smith Township and ODOT to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's annual road salt bid of 150 tons for 2025-2026 salt season in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and agree to the terms of the contract. Passed (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

- 9. Resolution 2025-0513-06** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustees authorize the hiring of a temporary road employee, Richard Dean, to assist in the increased summer work load. Passed.

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 2025-0513-07** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustee authorize the hiring of a full time Road Laborer, Matt Springer (start date 4/21/25), to take the place of Bob Ritchey who retired in April 2025. Passed

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Police Report**

Chief Paul Ceresna was present and presented the report for the month of April 2025:

84 Incident Report

5 Accidents

77 Citations

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193 Traffic Stops  
433 Business Checks

Other:

Police Department was resealed.

New computer server was installed by Salem Computer.

Trustees approved to pay for Planet Fitness memberships for Township Employees at \$20 a month.

11. Motion to approve the Planet Fitness membership at a cost of \$20 per person offered to those interested to be reviewed periodically to make sure that it is being used. 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 Given

**Zoning Report**

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

Assigned new address for property on N. Johnson Rd.

Remedied address issue for N. Benton West property. Awaiting update on website from county auditor.

Participated in OTA sponsored website re: HB 315 and possible grants funds for updating zoning regs.

Sent initial notification letter to 21656 Alliance Sebring Rd. concerning debris. Took pictures.

Requested and received title reports for additional parcels on corner of Noble & Stanley Ave. owned by the Parlontieri's.

Composed and submitted legal ad for additional Parlontieri parcels (actual ad included all 7 parcels).

Requested and received quote for demo on Francis Ave.

Received complaint on Lake Park Row property for dilapidated fence, trash, etc. took pictures.

Received call on the following pertaining to zoning requirements and classifications:

fiber optic cable

solar projects

chickens

fencing

Harrisburg- Westville Rd. (NE corner of 62 and Mahoning) 22501 Alden Ave.

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Other Related topics:

Land Bank Properties:

13910 Francis, 13670 Stanley, 13668 Stanley, 22342 Alden, 22317 Alden, 22421 Alden, 22472 Alden

- 12. Resolution 2025-0401-08** Be it resolved that the Trustees hereby accept the lease terms and agreement with Mahoning County for a sum of \$3,000 for the 2025 year to provide a space in the Township (Maple Ridge Park) for recycling collection. 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 Reports**

1. 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. June 3, 2025.