

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

EIGHTH 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. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

Approve Monthly Minutes

2. Motion to approve the September 2, 2025 Regular meeting minutes and the September 26, 2025 Special meeting minutes. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

Citizens' Comments

Martie & John Kinemond offered to sand and seal the picnic tables in the pavilion at North Benton Park if the Township will cover the cost of the sealant. The Trustees agreed to allow them to do that. It was discussed about posting park rules at both the North Benton Park and Maple Ridge Park. Mark Finamore will send park rules and a contract for volunteer labor.

Peggy Christy complemented the improvements at Maple Ridge Park and suggested that the Township paint and freshen up the Maple Ridge Park Sign. The Smith Township Road Department have that job on their work schedule.

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Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$126,005.97. 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 September 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The September 2025 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

Issues Discussed:

4. Motion to participate in the new national opioid's secondary manufactures settlement.
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, presented the report for the summer months of September 2025:

Garage door facing East door sensor replacement.

Basketball hoop/backboard install at MRP

Canfield Fair display pickup.

MRP Basketball hoop no.2 install.

Change locks on NB garage

Mulch around the MRP sign, monument and PD sign

Power sweep at the PD after the ditch enclosure

Power sweep with JD at Prospect, McKinley, Ash, Addie and Tombaugh

Replace the lock on the electrical panel at NB garage

Meet with Larry at the NBP

Power sweep Prospect and MRP

Boom mow Elizabeth, Cala, NB, and points North end

Clean Case boom mower

Meet with Steve Bench at NBP for electrical work

Move roller to Jefferson St to Blacktop

Fix hood release on the Volvo loader, clean the Radiator for a n overheating test

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16-ton asphalt on McKinley
16-ton asphalt on Elm St
An additional 16.3 ton of asphalt on Elm St
Groom ditch enclosure at PD
Clean asphalt screw rear of IH
Cut grass at the shop and the PD shooting range
Continued grooming ditch enclosure at PD and seed.
Cut berm and ditch on Ash St
Completed ditching on Ash St
Started ditching on McKinley from Jefferson East bound
Completed ditching on McKinley from Jefferson to Prospect St
Ditching completed on Tombaugh
Completed ditching on Addie, install 8in water pipe into catch basin at Heacock and Addie
backfill with #1s.
Clean Mini, Chevy, Trailer, Z turn, and the 550.
Push up material at the rear of the shop
Repair the lights on the Case mower.
Sharpen chainsaw blades
Chasing wiring issues on the Case and paint wheel rims on the 550, prep for winter.
Rain day, shop work, Matt power broom recently ditched roads.
Replace Chevy battery
Replace the hot water tank in the shop, burst water line.
Clean Loader, pressure wash, Grease.
Repair lights on the on-boom mower, complete 550 winter prep.
Chevy Plow set-up and test.
Order material for NB drainage. Install drainage at NB garage.
Cut grass at PDSR, prep for asphalt for next day
16 Ton asphalt on Ash St, cut Grass at MRP.
17 Ton asphalt Ash St and Tombaugh.

Materials Used:

238.2 Diesel
70.3 Gas
700lbs #1s

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5. **Resolution 2025-1007-01** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees has determined by vote to approve the resurfacing project located on Oyster Road from Middletown Rd. to W. Reserve Rd. and Smith Goshen from Pine Lake Road to Courtney Road under the direction of the county engineer pursuant to section 5573.01 of the Ohio Revised Code. The total cost of the project is approximately \$285,000 and will use the 2026 sales tax funds allocated to the township. The Trustees will not pursue the OPWC funding for this project. 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 not present, Sergeant Don Davis presented the report for the month of September 2025:

- 115 Incident Reports
- 8 Accidents
- 63 Citations
- 181 Traffic Stops
- 399 Business Checks

Other:

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.

Received quote to replace all carpet with laminate in the Police Department including the meeting room. Trustees reviewed and determined an additional quote was needed before the Township proceeds on this project.

A new Police car was purchased in July 2025 and equipped for service in September 2025.

6. **Resolution 2025-1007-03** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees agree to purchase a new 2025 Dodge Durango from Sarchione Chrysler in Dalton, Ohio for \$43,239.00 and the additional cost of approximately \$8,000 for equipping the new vehicle. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Fire Report

No Fire Report Given

Zoning Report

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

- Follow up call with Tom Hartzell from Mahoning County Health Dept re: unsafe conditions at 17880 Harrisburg Westville Rd.
- Received call from resident seeking direction for instituting zoning on the north side of Courtney Rd.
- Resolved safety address issue in conjunction with Mahoning County Auditor's office and Michael Anderson from DATAMARK GIS for two homes with identical addresses.
- Provided zoning classification to Accurate Appraisals, LLC
- Addressed inquiries re:
 - boring permits
 - solicitation permits
 - campground permits
 - property line fencing on Caldwell
 - mobile home parks
- Issued zoning permit for two separate properties; a storage building and a large garage. Both on Heacock Rd.
- Provided zoning verification letter for architect from Campbell Construction.
- Received complaint with attached pictures of probable nuisance property on McKinley Ave. Inspected.
- Provided zoning classification to engineer at CESO and sent zoning resolution/map for future reference.
- Working with Jen Merriman, Deputy Director of Planning for City of Alliance re: 704 S. Mahoning for possible demo & cleanup.

7. **Motion** by the Smith Township Board of Trustees to not act on the written purchase offers received to purchase 825 W. Tennessee Ave., Sebring, Ohio 44672 (Parcel # 15-015-0-017.00) until the November 4th Regular Meeting. 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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- 8. Resolution 2025-1007-07A** 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 real property County Auditor's Parcel ID 180310057000, 1903100567020, owner David L. Arkenburgh, constitutes a nuisance. 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 2025-1007-07B** 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 real property County Auditor's Parcel ID's 150480096000, 150480097000, owner Timothy Scott, constitutes a nuisance. 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

Approve Reports

- 10.** 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. November 4, 2025.

ORC 505.87

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER

2025- 1007 - 07 A

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 David L. Arkenburgh

Street Address No street address.

Alliance, Ohio 44601

County Auditor's Parcel ID 180310057000, 1903100567020

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:

Trustee [Signature] ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee [Signature] ☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee [Signature] ☒ yes ☐ no

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RESOLUTION NUMBER

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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 Timothy Scott

Street Address 732 McKinley Ave.,

Sebring, Ohio 44672

County Auditor's Parcel ID 150480096000, 150480097000

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:

Trustee

[Signature]

☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee

[Signature]

☒ yes ☐ no

Trustee

[Signature]

☒ yes ☐ no