

SMITH TOWNSHIP REGUALR MEETING
TUESDAY, **DECEMBER 2, 2025**
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

TENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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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:

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 November 4, 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 – no comments

Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and bills paid for the month of November 2025 for a total amount of \$160,153.14. 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

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The November 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The November 2025 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer:

- Received payment of \$10,897.75 from Rumpke Waste for the cleanup of damages caused by insecure load of dead chicken parts. Sebring portion of that payment \$7,255, Smith Twp portion is \$3,642.75.

4. **Resolution 2025-1202-01** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustees move to approve and adopt the appropriations totaling \$1,473,289.67 as presented for fiscal year 2026. 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. **Resolution 2025-1202-02** The Township Trustees resolve to authorize the Township to appropriate and pay expenses as they come due for 2026 until our reorganization meeting scheduled for January 6, 2026 as authorized in RC 5705.40 & RC 5703.38. (See attached resolution) Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. Motion to approve a \$75 grocery store gift card as an appreciation/Holiday gift (other than cash) to all employees with a low fair market value (I.R.C. § 132(a)(4) excludes *de minimis* benefits—benefits that are too minor or trivial to merit consideration—from taxable income.). 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. **Resolution 2025-1202-03** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustees agree to the terms in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners, The Mahoning County Engineer and The Smith Township Trustees regarding the allocation, responsibilities, and payment of the Township Road improvement projects for 2026 described by the Project name of “2025 OPWC Road & Bridge Upgrade Program & 2026 Sales Tax Resurfacing”. 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

8. Motion to accept the Park & Recreation Rules by the authority vested in the Board of Trustees of Smith Township, Mahoning County, Ohio by RC section 505.261 full version to be posted on the website and posted version to be posted at the Maple Ridge Park and the North Benton Park. 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, present and presented the report for November of 2025:

Improve berm on the North side of Best Rd. with 3 ton of Road Mix.

Re-called OUPS ticket A530100123-00A/01B now for utilities not marked by Columbia Gas.

Repair ditch Drain on East side of Morgan, broken clay tile.

Boom mow Stanley Property Southern end.

7, 10 ton loads of grindings on Martin Rd. from Middletown going North

Boom mow the trees back at the bus turn around on Lake Park Rd per citizens request for passage of handicapped bus.

Assemble and install new Ditching Head spindle with new bearings after the removal of the boom mower. Clean mower head and put away until Spring.

An additional 130 Ton grindings on Martin Rd. 2nd day.

An additional 100 Ton grindings on Martin Rd. Day 3.

Empty Utility Room at the shop, install utility sink, shelves and reorganize tools, supplies and materials. Clean shop and Equipment.

Annual Service on the International, update service records.

Annual service on the Z757 Zero turn, update service records.

Annual service on the Z970 Zero turn, update service records.

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Move Zero Turns into winter storage.

Remove ALL the tires from the intersection (corner) of Stanley and Noble St. 200-300 tires.

3 Loads of tiers to County garage at Middletown Rd.

Replace battery in the Mini Ex.

2 Loads of tires to County in Youngstown for disposal, filled their dumpster, to be continued when dumpster is emptied.

Clean, and re-shape ditch on Smith/Goshen Rd at/near St Rt 165.

Scrape and resurface Price St at SES in Alliance, 1 Ten-ton load of grindings.

Create new ditch around the bus turn-around on Lake Park Rd.

Rework approach at Middletown and Martin Rd adding 6 ton of grindings.

Re-ditch with ditching head on Case at Lake Park Rd from Lake Park Blvd to bus turn around.

Re-work Ditch with ditching head on Oak Street North side.

To improve water travel, re-ditch the point at California and W. Tenn.

Add work lights to rear of 550 for winter plowing and salting.

Reformed the ditch with ditching head on Fairview to move water along.

Material Used:

310 Ton Grindings

166 Gal. Diesel

25.0 Gal Gas

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present. Trustee Terry Criss presented the report on Statistics for November of 2025 as follows:

- 119 Incident Reports
- 14 Accidents
- 50 Citations
- 138 Traffic Stops
- 391 Business Checks

Other Business Reported:

Trailstar donated Thanksgiving meals that were distributed throughout Smith Township.

Detective Smith Read to children at Alliance Elementary and provided books to the students.

9. **Resolution 2025-1202-04** Be it resolved that the Smith Township enter into a contract with Sebring Towing and K & D Truck Service as a requirement of Marsy's Law, a constitutional amendment that gives victims of crime a set of rights, inspired by the 1983 murder of Marsalee (Marsy) Nicholas.

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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- 10. Resolution 2025-1202-05** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees agree to enter into a contract with The Village of Sebring for Dispatch services for the Smith Township Police Department; and declaring an emergency and the terms and conditions outlined in the contract including a one-time payment of \$47,000 payment to Sebring for TAC computer software.

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 Report Given.

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, was not present, the November 2025 report was presented by _____ and is as follows:

Spoke with Rick Colotti from County Engineer's office. We have permission to dispose of tires from roadside as long as we contact him first to be sure they have room in their bin on Bear's Den Rd.

Progressive claims- questioned permit for tree cutting for a claim.

Still waiting for results of County Building Inspector's Inspection report for 20947 Alliance Sebring Rd., Paul Berry owner. He received my request and forwarded it to one of his inspectors. I await results.

Valley Farms Supply is inquiring about a wholesale distribution business for building materials at 20650 Alliance Sebring Rd. Zoned AG. Technically not permitted. Offered the appeals process as an option.

Haiss Fabripart at 14771 Oyster Rd. is planning on an expansion of approximately six acres. Property is in an unzoned portion of the township. Provided written verification. Forwarded drawings to Fire Chief Springer for his approval for fire safety.

Assigned address for 12086 N. Johnson Rd., Beloit, OH

Sent zoning resolution and map to a prospective property owner.

Sent certified letters to five property owners re: nuisance issues.

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Approve Reports

11. 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 and Re-organizational Meeting is 7:00 p.m. January 6, 2026.

2026

PROJECTED Balance
1/1/2026

	PROJECTED Balance 1/1/2026	Anticipated Income	Anticipated Appropriations	Ending Balance
1000 General	\$ 141,831.48	\$ 199,662.39	\$ 210,178.62	\$ 131,315.25
2011 Motor Veh. Lic. Tax	\$ 22,783.32	\$ 14,700.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 24,483.32
2021 Gasoline Tax	\$ 93,937.51	\$ 151,966.86	\$ 193,202.56	\$ 52,701.80
2031 Road & Bridge	\$ 60,780.01	\$ 95,200.00	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 74,980.01
2081 Police District	\$ 178,559.73	\$ 549,100.00	\$ 581,737.30	\$ 145,922.43
2082 Police Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2111 Fire District	\$ 15,607.86	\$ 70,500.00	\$ 72,200.00	\$ 13,907.86
2191 Police & Fire	\$ 91,557.63	\$ 244,000.00	\$ 236,500.00	\$ 99,057.63
2221 Drug Law Enforcement	\$ 1,208.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,208.56
2231 Perm. Motor Vehicle	\$ 31,404.55	\$ 63,900.00	\$ 74,771.18	\$ 20,533.37
2261 Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 4,285.46	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,585.46
2271 Enforcement & Education	\$ 9,462.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ -	\$ 13,862.00
2901 Recycling	\$ 16,545.27	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 12,565.27
2905 Recyclables	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4903 Park Improvement	\$ 7,887.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,887.92
9001 Road Bond	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00
TOTALS:	\$ 676,451.30	\$ 1,398,449.25	\$ 1,473,289.67	\$ 601,610.88

1000 General	Contingencies
2021 Gasoline Tax	Contingencies
2031 Road & Bridge	Contingencies
2081 Police District	Contingencies
2111 Fire District	Contingencies
2901 Recycling	Contingencies
total	

5,000.00
4,000.00
5,000.00
15,000.00
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\$ 29,000.00

- Resolution 2025-1202-01 Trustees of Smith Township approve and adopt the appropriations totaling \$ 1,473,289.67 as presented for fiscal year 2026.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Mr. Barnett
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Mr. Criss
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Mr. Showalter

**SMITH TOWNSHIP
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO**

Resolution No#. 2025-1202-02

Resolution to approve and adopt a Temporary Appropriation of Township Funds
(RC §5705.40 and RC §5705.38)

WHEREAS RC§5705.40 provides that "At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation shall revert to the respective fund from which it was appropriated and shall be subject to future appropriations; and

WHEREAS RC §5705.38 provides, in part: [the township] "...it may pass a temporary appropriation measure for meeting the ordinary expenses of the taxing unit until no later than the first day of April... of the current year, and the appropriations made in the temporary measure shall be chargeable to the appropriations in the annual appropriation measure for that fiscal year when passed." The township should only appropriate those monies expected to be needed through the end of March in the temporary appropriation measure. When the permanent appropriation measure is passed, then the entire year should be included.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby make a Temporary Appropriation of Township Funds, Effective January 1st 2025 through the earlier of the Adoption of the Board's Annual Appropriation Resolution, or April 1st, 2025, to meet and pay for the necessary and ordinary expenses of the Township, which shall be chargeable to the Appropriations in the Annual Appropriations Resolution of the Board for the fiscal year 2025 when passed.

Moved by Trustee Mr. Criss Seconded by Trustee Mr. Barnett

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Criss	<u>X</u>	yes	___	no
Trustee Barnett	<u>X</u>	yes	___	no
Trustee Showalter	<u>X</u>	yes	___	no

Motion approved and adopted on the 3rd day of December 2024,


Audrey Fox, Fiscal Officer

2025-1202-03

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
THE BOARD OF MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
THE MAHONING COUNTY ENGINEER AND
THE SMITH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

This agreement is entered into by and between the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners, the Mahoning County Engineer (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "County"), and the Board of Smith Township Trustees, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as the "Township").

WHEREAS the Engineer has the maintenance responsibility for certain County Roads in Mahoning County, Ohio.

WHEREAS the Township has the maintenance responsibility for certain Township Roads in Smith Township, Ohio.

WHEREAS the County and the Township have a desire to repair and make upgrades to their respective roads, as described by the Project name of "2025 OPWC Road & Bridge Upgrade Program & 2026 Sales Tax Resurfacing" (hereinafter "Project"). (See Exhibit "A")

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 5535.08(C)(1) provides, "[i]n nonemergency situations, any political subdivision having authority to construct, reconstruct, resurface, improve, repair, and maintain roads or streets may enter into an agreement, under terms agreeable to all parties, with any other political subdivision having that authority to obtain or provide road or street construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, improvement, repair, or maintenance services. The cost, if any, of services obtained under the agreement may be paid from general fund moneys of the political subdivision receiving the services, or from any other funds available for the repair and maintenance of roads or streets within that political subdivision."

WHEREAS, the Township and the County have agreed to each pay for their respective portions of the Project needed to complete this work.

WHEREAS, the Township authorizes the County to be the lead agent for this Project and the County is authorized to bid and execute contracts and act as Chief Executive Officer for the Project.

WHEREAS, the County agrees that it will comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations including, but not limited to Ohio's competitive bidding and prevailing wage laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

The Township authorizes the County to be the lead agent for the Project, and the County is authorized to bid and execute contracts and act as Chief Executive Officer for the Project.

The work to be performed on the Township's roads shall be bid by the County, and the Township agrees that it shall provide funds for its portion of the Project, in the estimated amount of \$354,942.00, subject to final quantities adjustment.

The County shall provide an inspector, at the County's sole cost and expense, to inspect and approve the work performed on that Township's respective roads.

Provided that the work has been completed to the County's satisfaction, the Township shall make the necessary financial arrangements with the County to pay the amount attributable to its portion of the Project, as calculated by the County, within thirty (30) days after submission of an invoice and proper documentation by the contractor(s) to the County.

Those roads that are the subject of the work that are Township roads shall continue to be part of the Township's system of roads.

Nothing contained herein shall operate to shift liability for maintenance and repair of the roads.

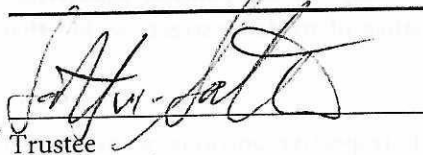
Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to be an acceptance by the County of the Township's roads.

THEREFORE this agreement will be binding on and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns when permitted by this agreement. This agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter hereof. This agreement may only be amended by the prior written agreement of both parties.

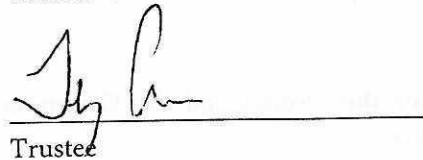
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties caused this agreement to be executed by their respective officers with the intent to be legally bound thereby.

BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

**BOARD OF MAHONING COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**


Trustee

12/2/25
Date


Trustee

12/2/25
Date

Patrick T. Ginnetti, P.E., P.S.,
Mahoning County Engineer

Date

Assistant County Prosecutor
Approved as to Form

Date

Commissioner,
Carol Rimedio-Righetti

Date

Commissioner,
Anthony Traficanti

Date

Commissioner,
Geno DiFabio

Date



Mahoning County
Road, Bridge & Other Infrastructure 1/4% Sales Tax
Project Requests Summary, Check Off, and Routing Sheet



Township Smith Township

Contact/ Title Audrey Fox, Fiscal Officer

Phone #/ Ext. _____

Projects	Project Summary Description	Est. Amount
Item # 1	2025 OPWC & 2026 Road & Bridge Safety Upgrade (County-Led Paving Program)	\$ 354,942.00
Item # 2		
Item # 3		
Item # 4		
Item # 5		
Second Page Total	See Second Page for additional projects	\$ -

Contract Eng. _____

Total Construction Costs Plus Contract Engineering	\$ 354,942.00
Less: Grants, local share provided by Township	\$ 11,938.89
Net Costs Allocated to 1/4% Sales Tax	\$ 343,003.11
Contingency (Not to Exceed 10%)	
Total Requested Funding	\$ 343,003.11

Documents for Township to Included (Check Off):

Trustee Signed MOU & Resolution

Engineers Estimate Attached (if applicable)

Engineering & Project Detail or Lists Attached (Please label by project)

X

X

County sign off prior to BMCC Adoption (Check Off):

County Prosecutor's Office

County Engineer's Office

County Administrator

Note: Cannot include equipment or local governments staffing costs for either construction or engineering.