

SMITH TOWNSHIP (Mahoning) REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, September 8, 2026
7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Prayer led by Peggy Christy, Pledge of Allegiance led by Scott Showalter.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Showalter.

Roll call:

Mr. Showalter, Trustee – Chairman	Present	<u> X </u>	Excused	<u> </u>
Mr. Criss, Trustee – Vice-Chairman	Present	<u> X </u>	Excused	<u> </u>
Mr. Barnett, Trustee	Present	<u> X </u>	Excused	<u> </u>

Also Present: Susan Terry, Fiscal Officer

Also Present: Attorney Mark Finamore

Adopt Agenda

1. Motion to adopt September, 2026 meeting agenda. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Criss

Seconded by: Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea

Mr. Criss: Yea

Mr. Showalter: Yea



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Citizens' Comments

1. John Rogel of 22435 Attwood St. (off of Oyster) addressed the Board of Trustees with concerns regarding the ongoing collection of trash/junk items of his neighbor who does not reside on the parcel. Various debris including mattresses, a mobile home trailer parked on Walker St./Price, and misc. junk litter the property. The ongoing appearance of the parcel becoming a dumping ground has reached a point of concern for Mr. Rogel. Pictures have been submitted to Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector. Mrs. Christy stated that she would add the property to her list to follow up with notifications, etc. Mr. Rogel would like the Board to address the issues as he believes the property has become a nuisance and a health concern. Trustee Showalter stated that a letter would be sent to the owner.
 - a. Mr. Rogel also mentioned that there is a fallen tree that is blocking Price St. Road Supervisor, Bruce Betz, stated that the section of Walter/Price is not a Township road and therefore the Township is not responsible to maintain the road. Trustee Criss explained that the owners of property along such roads are the responsibility of the property owners as their ownership actually extends to the middle of each road in front of their parcel.

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- b. Attorney Finamore explained the process of what happens with these types of properties to Mr. Rogel.
- 2. Stephanie Burdette presented a verbal and written objection to the proposed West Calla Road Project (Pivot Energy). This project was described as a "Solar Farm," She is urging the Township to withhold approval of the project due to five specific concerns:
 - a. Severe Hillside Stormwater Runoff and Creek Flooding Risks
 - b. Road Infrastructure and Financial Protection (RUMA)
 - c. Visual Blight and Glare Protection
 - d. Continuous Low-Frequency Noise Pollution
 - e. Guaranteed Decommissioning Escrow Account



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Objection.pdf

Trustee Showalter advised the Board was approached in June and as of this date nothing has been put in place; it's been an ongoing project discussion for a couple of years.

- 3. Amy Fritz, representing DiStefano Insurance, provided the Board a current status of her efforts to find a more economical group health insurance plan. Mrs. Fritz is still awaiting some quotes but feels that DiStefano Insurance would be able to help the Township find a more economical solution to the recent 16.86% increase that the Township experienced. A summary of the quotes she has received thus far were provided with notation that the policies would include a GAP type of insurance to help offset additional deductible amounts. Employees would be provided two cards; one for general insurance coverage and the other for the GAP coverage. Mrs. Fritz will be following up with Fiscal Officer, Susan Terry, in the near future with additional information.



26 09 08 DiStefano
Insurance Materials.

Approval of Monthly Minutes

Resolution 2026-0908-01 Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees has agreed to the revision of the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes due to: clerical errors, omission, or inaccuracy that was subsequently identified in the original record of proceedings regarding format of minutes, date of meeting, identification number of meeting, misrepresentation of bank statement being in balance, additional un-identified verbiage/votes, resignation acceptance of an employee omitted, and Old/New Business sections omitted. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Criss

Seconded by: Mr. Barnett

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Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea
Mr. Criss: Yea
Mr. Showalter: Yea



2026-0908-01
Resolution to Revise

Resolution 2026-0908-02 Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees has agreed to the revision of the May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes due to: clerical errors, omission, or inaccuracy was subsequently identified in the original record of proceedings regarding format of minutes, misrepresentation of bank statement being in balance, identifying EFTs and Warrants for April, 2026 as \$1,010367.01 versus the actual of \$88,844.36, incorrect dates referenced for department reports, additional un-identified verbiage/votes, and New Business section omitted information. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea
Mr. Criss: Yea
Mr. Showalter: Yea



2026-0908-02
Resolution to Revise

2. Motion to approve the June 2, 2026 Regular meeting minutes. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Criss

Seconded by: Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea
Mr. Criss: Yea
Mr. Showalter: Yea

3. Motion to approve the June 30, 2026 Special meeting minutes. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea
Mr. Criss: Yea
Mr. Showalter: Yea

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4. Motion to approve the August 25, 2026 Special meeting minutes. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Criss

Seconded by: Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea

Mr. Criss: Yea

Mr. Showalter: Yea

Fiscal Officer Report

The April, 2026 Credit Card statement was reviewed by the Trustees.

5. Motion to approve the Financial Reports and EFTs/Warrants for the month of June, 2026 in the amount of \$146,079.98. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea

Mr. Criss: Yea

Mr. Showalter: Yea

The June, 2026 Bank Reconciliation is complete and was reviewed by the Trustees. A \$.05 Adjusting Factor is present and suspected to be data entry errors of payments in March – May. The June, 2026 Credit Card statement was reviewed by the Trustees.

6. Motion to approve the Financial Reports and EFTs/Warrants for the month of July, 2026 in the amount of \$109,167.81. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Criss

Seconded by: Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea

Mr. Criss: Yea

Mr. Showalter: Yea

The July, 2026 Bank Reconciliation is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees. The July, 2026 Credit Card statement was reviewed by the Trustees.

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7. Motion to approve the Financial Reports and EFTs/Warrants for the month of August, 2026 in the amount of \$172,560.55. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea

Mr. Criss: Yea

Mr. Showalter: Yea

The August, 2026 Bank Reconciliation is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The August, 2026 Credit Card statement was reviewed by the Trustees.

Issues Discussed:

8. Motion to begin including the UAN "Wage Earnings Report" (Monthly reporting) as an addition to the existing monthly financial reports. The Board has not been receiving a report to represent the Payroll aspect of the Township. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea

Mr. Criss: Yea

Mr. Showalter: Yea

The 2024-2025 final audit report conducted by the Auditor of State's office has not been received. As of the last communication with the Auditor, we would be waiving the review meeting and had sent Meeting Minutes prior to revision and prior to final review. Fiscal Officer will touch base and send all up-to-date minutes to the Auditor.

The Board requested the Fiscal Officer to revise the existing Public Records Request Policy to include that the Fiscal Officer is the Township's Public Records Officer and the Fiscal Officer is the designee for all Trustees for Public Records Training required every two years. The policy and form will be added to the Smith Township website: <https://smithtownship.net> once the revision is approved during a subsequent meeting. Current policy & form provided below:



Public Record
Request Policy.pdf



PUBLIC RECORDS
REQUEST FORM.pdf

The Fiscal Officer was contacted by a local funeral home regarding Indigent Cremation of a Township resident. The granddaughter of the deceased wants the ashes. Discussion ensued with the Board and Attorney with a summation that the procedure is: if the Township pays for the Cremation, the ashes are then buried in the cemetery operated by the Township. Once human

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Issues Discussed Cont.

remains are transformed to ashes, they become personal property and therefore require a legal release. If a family member would want the ashes of the deceased after the ashes have been buried, a legal filing would be required (paid for by the family) to dig up and release said ashes to the family. The Fiscal Officer will notify the funeral home of the discussion.

9. Motion to commit to membership and the submission of \$23,526 to OTARMA for Liability Insurance renewing on 9/17/2026. The renewal represents an approximate \$500 increase from the prior year. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea

Mr. Criss: Yea

Mr. Showalter: Yea

Road Report

Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, was present but was excused. Reports for July & August, 2026 were provided but not presented during the meeting:

July Report:

- 27.24 Ton Hot Mix from Shelly/Canton on East Florida Ave.
- Water plumbing in utility room at the shop, leaking water pipe.
- Cut grass at MRP, Clean shop.
- 12th St driveway approach completed.
- 18.22 Ton Hot Mix from Shelly/Canton, Patch Warden Ave at Bandy as well as Wood St, Beach St and Oak St.
- Work the ballfield sand back into the diamond from the pile created from dragging it.
- Bring Simplicity from NB Garage to the shop and get running,
- Cut grass at shop and PD, replace blades with sharpened one on the Zero Turn mower.
- Wash 550.
- Clean ditch on NBW at address 22287 North side.
- Clean ditch (Annual) at Joe Clines place on Canteen in Alliance. Remove 5 Loads of sand and regroom area. Also 1 ½ ton Gabion to back up bank washout.
- Boom Mow, Replace blades on boom mower and grease.
- Cut grass at MRP and shop, clean mower.
- International to Best One for new rims (safety).
- Boom Mow ditches and roadside.
- Clean asphalt off shop floor, update maintenance records.
- Blow filters out on the Case Boom Mower, clean Case

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- Cut grass at PD
- Boom Mow ditches and roadside.
- Install asphalt box back onto INT. truck.
- Order 18.0 Ton asphalt Shelly/Canton
- 18.17 Ton asphalt Hot Mix on Cala Rd.
- Boom Mow ditches and roadside.
- MRP Park clean up, Receive 6, 20ton loads of sifted grindings from Johnny's Trucking at MRP and 6 loads at the shop.
- Boom Mow ditches and roadside.
- Construct storage rack for asphalt spreader box.
- Spread asphalt grindings at MRP. Load 23 ton and return to shop stock.
- Take down trees at MRP as well as root balls with mini and loader.
- Boom Mow ditches and roadsides.
- Cut grass at shop and PD and weed control at PD., Clean Z Turn mower.
- Road Checks for holes to fill
- Boom Mow S/G Rd
- Unlock North Gate Landfill off Middletown Rd
- Cut Grass at MRP and cut up brush from trees, level the ground and Groom.

263.3 gallons of diesel

66.0 gallons of Gas

18.05 Ton Hot Mix from Shelly/Canton NBW and SNW

August Report:

- 18.05 Ton asphalt from Shelly/Canton on SNW and NBW.
- Cut grass at shop, clean IH and Mini
- Repair blown Hydraulic line on Boom Mower
- Boom Mow, Cut grass at Shooting Range, Locate footage markers at shooting range.
- Work on tarp on IH
- Remove/repair/re-install Price and Alden Street sign.
- 5 Ton of grindings on North side of Best Rd shore berm.
- Marked the North side of Best Rd at bad asphalt area for OUPS.
- Clean Asphalt Box on IH.
- Cut Berms on both sides of SNW from NBW to Martin Rd.
- Recreate/ dig ditch on South side of South Range Rd. 2 Days.
- Tree Removal across Norman in Alliance, Dispatch call out.
- Replace gas caddy at the NBP for Rick
- Order 2, 9 ton loads of Hot Mix from Shelly/Canton for Addie.

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Road Report Cont.

- Ditching and brush clearing on SW corner of South Range and St Rt 165.
- Ditching on South Range Rd.
- Ditching on Oyster Rd Both sides from Courtney going North.
- Wash IH and install asphalt Box for Hot Mix, Load Roller onto trailer for Friday Morning.
- 2 Loads Hot Mix (18.38 Ton) on Addie, clean and put away equipment.
- Order 2, 9 Ton loads Hot Mix from Shelly/Canton.
- Boom Mow/Case, push downed tree off roadway on dirt section of Martin Rd and remove tree from ditch on Oyster Rd.
- Cut grass at the shop.
- 18.55 Ton asphalt on Addie and Elm dead end (West end).
- Burn brush pile at MRP, Boom mow, Clean Mini.
- Cut grass at Shooting Range for scheduled shoot
- Boom mow, burn stumps at MRP.
- Empty garbage cans at MRP.
- 20 Ton Grindings on FL alley
- 10 Ton Grindings on Martin Rd and Best Rd West.
- Cut grass at PD, Cut grass at MRP.
- Groom and seed MRP
- Order 18 Ton of Hot Mix for Price from Shelly/Canton.
- 18.08 Ton of Hot mix on Price St. Alliance.
- Cut grass at Shop. Remove tree stumps at MRP, Prep for grindings.
- Water, Broom, Grindings and move Recycle containers and sign at MRP.
- Rock Hound (Groom) rear of Recycle Containers at MRP
- Transport Fair Board to Canfield Fair Grounds and 4 Straw bales.

184.3 gallons of diesel
49.9 gallons of Gas
55.73 Ton Hot Mix
48.0 Ton Grindings

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Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present. Mr. Criss presented Statistics for the months of June through August, 2026:

June Report:

145 Total Incident Reports
5 Accident Reports
55 Citations
123 Traffic Stops
380 Business Checks 161 in Village of Beloit

July Report:

153 Total Incident Reports
10 Accident Reports
42 Citations
102 Traffic Stops
280 Business Checks 110 in Village of Beloit

August Report:

124 Total Incident Reports
5 Accident Reports
31 Citations
118 Traffic Stops
355 Business Checks 151 in Village of Beloit

Issues Discussed:

- The 8th Annual First Responder's Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24, 2026 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Beloit Park located at 17910 5th Street
 - Local Businesses should pre-register with Kaela @ 330-938-2807
- Part-Time Patrolman Andrew Reed was hired 8-12-26
- The Beloit contract is up at the end of the year

Fire Report

No Report Given.

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, was present and submitted the following report to the Board:

- Attended Mahoning County Zoning Inspector's Meeting on topic of Data Centers. Andy Resnick, owner of CS Public Affairs was the presenter. Mahoning County Commissioners contracted with this company.

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- Participated in webinar sponsored by OTA on Data Centers. Forwarded trustees the Boardman Township resolution for a 12 month of moratorium for zoning permit for same.
- Also forwarded to trustees The Ohio H.B. 710 Detailed Bill Analysis related to Data Centers along with a brief, basic PowerPoint on data centers.
- Participated in webinar sponsored by OTA on Zoning Codes vs ORC.
- Completed an interview with Chris Cerenelli for a Land Bank YouTube video.
- Met with Terry Criss to discuss zoning/nuisance issues.
- Assigned address for 21633 Middletown Rd. and 22505 W. South Range Rd.
- Calls from Brenda Rouse
- Lita Lamborn questions on lot splitting
- Specific zoning questions on home build about property on 21151 German Church Rd
- Question regarding ownership of buses at 886 N. Johnson Rd. (owner is Paul Wendell 121 Lake Front Dr., Akron, OH)
- Received several calls on 845 W. California Ave., from realtors and interested buyers.
- Responded to lien search request for open violations & well/septic & water/sewer service on 9131 N. 12th, North Benton.
- Provided requested info to Ohio Housing Finance Agency
- Responded to concerns regarding a chicken coop placed on neighbor's property line.
- Completed Regional Housing Development survey distributed by Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce. (housing needs/infrastructure capacity, local priorities, etc.)
- In process of making changes to Mahoning County Land Use map for Smith Township. It is not coordinating with our zoning map.
- Provided the necessary administrative work and documentation for the Land Bank demo of 19601 North Benton West. Completed at the end of August.
- Completed special tax assessment statement on 20954 Lake Park Blvd., for American Title Solutions

Properties to consider for ORC 505.871 (removal of junk motor vehicle):

- 704 S. Mahoning, Alliance, OH 44601 (All paperwork has been submitted – contact Broadway for removal)
- 1025 W Ohio Ave, Sebring, OH 44672 (3 parcels)
- 21342 Lake Park Blvd, Alliance, OH 44601
- NE Corner of 12th & St. Rt. 62

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Approve Department Reports

10. Motion to accept all department reports. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea

Mr. Criss: Yea

Mr. Showalter: Yea

Old Business

- Trustee Showalter wanted to thank all involved with preparing the display for the Canfield fair as well as the patrolmen who represented the Township throughout fair week.
- MCTA Christmas dinner – Need to collect donations
 - Fiscal Officer to look for historical donor list
 - Mr. Showalter still trying to secure venue
 - Looking at Ala Cart in Canfield to provide food

New Business

- Officially welcome new Fiscal Officer, Susan Terry, to the Township. She began 7-1-26. The Board appreciates all of her efforts.
- Salt Contract – Fiscal Officer to look to see if signatures are required or anything needs to be done and advise the Board.
- Solar Farm – Calla Road (briefly discussed during Citizens' Comment)
- Smith Township General Insurance Renewal 9-17-26. (Fiscal Officer Report Section)
- Employee Health Insurance Renewal 9-1-26. (Citizens' Comment Section)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Mr. Showalter.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. October 6, 2026.

Meeting Notes prepared by: Susan Terry, Fiscal Officer