

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL** MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MAHONING COUNTY

HELD **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

PURPOSE AS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE 1/25/2026: The Smith Township Trustees call a Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at the Township Hall at 4:00 p.m. to authorize by resolution the purchase of real estate in the unincorporated area of Smith Township to use for a public purpose.

This special meeting of the Smith Township Board of Trustees is now called to Order:
Board Members Present to determine a Quorum for the purpose of taking legal action by the Board.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Barnett X present
Trustee Showalter X present

Also Present:

Audrey Fox (Fiscal Officer).

RESOLUTION 2026-0128-01S Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of real estate in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 in the unincorporated area of Smith Township, located at 20947 Alliance Sebring Road, Alliance, Ohio 44601, (Parcel ID: 16-017-0-069.00-0) to use for a public purpose in accordance with O.R.C. §505.1010; §505.26, §505.262 requirements. Passed. (see attached)

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

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

Adjournment

Motion by Chairperson, Mr. Showalter to adjourn meeting.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. February 3, 2026.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This is essential for ensuring the integrity of the financial statements and for providing a clear audit trail. The records should be kept up-to-date and should be easily accessible to all relevant parties.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. This includes the use of surveys, interviews, and focus groups. Each method has its own strengths and weaknesses, and it is important to choose the most appropriate one for the specific research objectives.

3. The third part of the document describes the process of data analysis. This involves identifying patterns and trends in the data, and then interpreting these findings in the context of the research objectives. It is important to be objective and to avoid drawing conclusions that are not supported by the data.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of communication in the research process. This involves sharing the findings of the research with the relevant stakeholders, and ensuring that they understand the implications of the findings. It is important to be clear and concise in the communication, and to avoid using technical jargon that may be difficult to understand.

5. The fifth part of the document outlines the various ethical considerations that must be taken into account when conducting research. This includes the need to obtain informed consent from all participants, and to ensure that the research is conducted in a fair and unbiased manner. It is important to be transparent about the research process, and to avoid any conflicts of interest.

6. The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of documentation in the research process. This involves keeping a detailed record of all the steps taken during the research, from the initial planning to the final reporting. This documentation is essential for ensuring the reproducibility of the research, and for providing a clear audit trail.

7. The seventh part of the document outlines the various challenges that may be encountered during the research process. These include the need to manage time and resources effectively, and to deal with any unexpected problems that may arise. It is important to be flexible and to be able to adapt to changing circumstances.

8. The eighth part of the document discusses the importance of reflection in the research process. This involves taking time to think about the research process, and to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the research. This reflection is essential for improving the quality of the research, and for ensuring that the research is conducted in a professional and ethical manner.

SMITH TOWNSHIP, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO

(ORC §505.1010; ORC §505.26; ORC §505.262)

Special Meeting on January 28, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-0128-01S

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SMITH TOWNSHIP TO USE FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE

Whereas the Board of Trustees declares it is necessary to acquire and purchase additional real estate parcel lots in the unincorporated area of Smith Township to use for a public purpose for the benefit of Smith Township; and

Whereas the Board of Trustees has on deposit in Township Financial Accounts, Funds lawfully available for this purpose; and

Whereas the Board has identified a real estate property lot in the unincorporated area of Smith Township desirable for a public purpose for the benefit of Smith Township; that being the real estate parcel known as:

Owner: Paul Berry

Street Address: 20947 Alliance Sebring Rd., Alliance, Ohio 44601

Auditor's Parcel ID: 16-017-0-069.00-0

Acreage: .6740; and

Whereas said property is currently subject to a real estate tax foreclosure case in the Mahoning County Common Pleas Court; and

Whereas the Court has issued an Order of Foreclosure and Sheriff's Sale of the property to collect the real estate tax delinquency; said sale scheduled to take place on FEBRUARY 3rd, at 1:30 P.M. at the Mahoning County Courthouse or at such other location designated by the Mahoning County Sheriff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Trustees authorizes the Board of Trustees, by its designated agent, Trustee Scott Showalter, to acquire and purchase the real estate property lot in the unincorporated area of Smith Township for a public purpose for the benefit of Smith Township; that being the real estate parcel known as:

Owner: Paul Berry

Street Address: 20947 Alliance Sebring Rd., Alliance, Ohio 44601

Auditor's Parcel ID: 16-017-0-069.00-0

Acreage: .6740; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the price to be offered and paid by the Township shall not exceed the total amount of township funds lawfully available for this purpose.

Moved by Mr. Barnett Seconded by Mr. Showalter

ROLL CALL:

TRUSTEE BARNETT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
TRUSTEE SHOWALTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
TRUSTEE CRISS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

Motion approved and adopted on January 28, 2026.

Audrey Fox
Audrey Fox, Fiscal Officer

Certification

I, the undersigned Fiscal Officer, and Custodian of the Records of Smith Township hereby certifies that the above resolution is a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Resolution as appears in the Transcript of Minutes of the Official Record of Proceedings of the Smith Township Board of Trustees. In Witness thereof, I have affixed my signature in acknowledgement thereof.

Date: January 28, 2026

Audrey Fox
Audrey Fox, Fiscal Officer