

SMITH TOWNSHIP REGUALR MEETING  
TUESDAY, **FEBRUARY 4, 2025**  
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance, led by Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox.

Call meeting to order

Roll call:

Mr. Showalter	Present	<u>  X  </u>	Excused	<u>          </u>
Mr. Criss	Present	<u>          </u>	Excused	<u>  X  </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. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Approve Monthly Minutes**

2. Motion to approve the January 2, 2025 Re-organizational/Regular meeting minutes.  
Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Citizens' Comments**

Tammy Mahan expressed her concern over the demolition of her late Father's property:  
**Owner:** Swinton, Neil,

**Address and Parcel:** 22820 Lexington Rd., Parcel #161020005000

The Township had received several complaints about the property and followed the proper procedures to demolish. Trustee Scott Showalter instructed Tammy to speak with our legal representative, Mark Finamore, and that he would email her Mark's contact information.

Melinda Kinser, the new member of the Zoning Commission Board, offered to help with soliciting for playground funds and help with applying for grants through Home Depot.

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**Approve Financial Reports**

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of January 2025 in the amount of \$94,798.95. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

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

The January 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.  
The January 2025 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

**Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report**

**Issues Discussed:**

1. Motion to approve the use of the baseball field at Maple Ridge Park by the Sebring-West Branch Baseball League pending sufficient Liability insurance and disclaimers.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

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

2. 2025-0204-01 Resolution that Smith Township Trustees hereby resolve to pass a resolution authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2025 energized community grant. See attached.  
Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

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

Other:

- American Legion Post 76 Easter Egg hunt donation of \$100.00 approved
- Interest earned 2024 - \$43,388.48.
- Sign energy grant agreement (Chair Showalter)

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**Road Report**

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

- Called out to salt roads January 1,2,3,4,5 2025
- Picked up new Auger for Asphalt Spreader
- Picked up old Auger and broke down for parts.
- Moved equipment from new salt shed to old to make room for salt order
- Make adjustments and repairs on salt spreading equipment
- Pick up new angle plow and replace old plow with new on Ford 550
- Wash salt from equipment
- Drop off Chevy for new Transmission and repairs
- Picked up 4.7 ton of Gravel (Grit)
- Paint shop
- HPM road repair on Oyster and Martin Roads
- Removed fallen Tree from Best Rd.

Materials Used:

- Diesel – 315 Gallons
- Gas – 26 Gallons
- HPM – 3 Ton

**Police Report**

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present, Trustee Scott Showalter reported the Statistics for the month of January 2025:

- 90 Incident Reports
- 15 Accidents
- 48 Citations
- 124 Traffic Stops
- 384 Business Checks

Additional:

Chevy Tahoe back in service after engine replacement.

We will be holding a Dog Food Drive here at the P.D. to support Animal Charity due to the overwhelming amount of cases they have February 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Flyers posted at the Township Hall.

**Fire Report**

No Report Given.

**Zoning Report**

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

- Spoke with Carrie Meissner re: 22820 Lexington Rd. Property that ACT Excavating is working on for the township. She lives across the road. She is elated and has been waiting

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many years for this house to be demolished and property cleaned up. She is grateful to the trustees for making this happen.

- Spoke with Bill Trinik from Heritage Land Surveying re: lot split on 34 acres on Courtney Rd.
  - Spoke with Jenine from AES Surveying with questions regarding pole building setback requirements for Bandy Rd. property.
  - 13910 Francis Rd. property: I alerted concerned neighbor that this demo is now in the hands of the Mahoning County Land Bank. I sent the attached pictures to Fire Inspector Mike Springer.
  - Spoke with Pete Lacombe from Remax Infinity re: 20871 North Benton W. Rd. with questions about allowed uses. Also for 17490 5th St. Beloit.
  - Spoke with Sonny Wilson about his illogical address. Still in process of rectification.
  - Spoke with property owner Evan Proach re: zoning requirements for sheds.
3. Motion to approve the resignation of Melinda Kinser from the Zoning Board of Appeals and move her to the Zoning Commission Board with a term of four years.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Approve Reports**

4. Motion to accept all reports. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Showalter

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. MARCH 4, 2025.

TOWNSHIP

**NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC)  
ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM  
(2025 NEC GRANT(S))**

**RESOLUTION 2025-020<sup>4</sup><sub>3</sub>-01**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS  
NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC  
ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2025 ENERGIZED  
COMMUNITY GRANT

**WHEREAS**, the Township of **Smith/Mahoning County**, Ohio (the "GRANTEE") is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2025 ("NEC Grant(s)") as provided for in the NEC Grant Program guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the GRANTEE wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. in substantially the form presented to this Board of Trustees to receive one or more NEC Grant(s); and

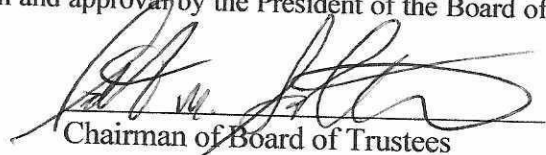
**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SMITH TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MAHONING, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

**SECTION 1.** This Board of Trustees of the GRANTEE (the "Board") finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the GRANTEE to enter into the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) for 2025, and authorizes the **FISCAL OFFICER** (insert title) to execute the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) funds.

**SECTION 2.** This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.


**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the GRANTEE; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the President of the Board of Trustees of the GRANTEE.

DATE ADOPTED: February <sup>4</sup>~~3~~, 2025

  
Chairman of Board of Trustees

Submitted to the Board for  
Approval on this 3 day of  
February, 2025

ATTEST:  
this <sup>4</sup>~~3~~ day of February, 2025

  
Township Fiscal Officer

ATTEST:

Audrey Fox  
Fiscal Officer of the Board of Trustees

I, Audrey Fox, as Fiscal Officer of the Board of Trustees of Smith Township, County of Mahoning, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2025-0203-01 adopted by the Board of Trustees of said Township on the 3 day of February, 2025.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Audrey Fox", is written over a horizontal line.