

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024
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. Attorney Mark Finamore was also 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 September 3, 2024 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

Liz Ramsey of 12th St. concerned about the restrictions on burning and Mark Finamore suggested she call the Sebring Fire Chief. Also, she asked about the Smith Township budget public hearing requirement in effect at the time she was a Fiscal Officer and Trustee (over 20 years ago). Trustee Showalter will check into the former requirement and let her know the status.

Rachel Higgins of Oregon Ave. expressed concerns over a homeless man squatting on the adjacent property. Mark Finamore explained legally there is nothing the Township can do that would have an expeditious result. The Township Trustees have arranged for the property to be cleaned up and the debris and trash be removed by A.C.T. Excavating LLC at a cost of \$4,200.

SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Milt Hallett of Ohio Ave. in close proximity to R. Higgins property also present and reported that he provided the homeless man a porta john and is allowing him to dispose of his trash in his trash cans. Trustee Terry Criss suggested that the homeless man move on the property as far from the R. Higgins property as possible. M. Hallett said the man would be okay with that.

Brendan Sloat of Mahoning Ave. was present and is interested in purchasing tax delinquent property near his location. Mark Finamore will provide a form that can be completed by B. Sloat and Mark will send it through as a tax delinquent foreclosure request.

Marianne May of Atwater Ave., Alliance was present and expressed her continuing desire to be a part of the Friends of Maple Ridge Park Play Ground Committee. Mark Finamore to provide the Township with the proper paperwork for the formal formation of the committee.

Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and bills paid for the month of September 2024 for a total amount of \$126,445.70. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

The September 2024 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The September 2024 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer:

- Read the fund cash September 30, 2024 balances.
- Update on the Status of the Maple Ridge Park Playground grants and equipment.

Road Report

Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, present and presented the report for September of 2024:

- Retrieved Canfield Fair material
- Berm edges of Attwood, Cover, Violet, Norman, Harding, and Lake Park Rd.
- Boom mowed
- Meet with Jerod for black top in E. Alliance
- Marlboro Supply for Risers 1-4" and 1-6" for Alden/Oyster Rd.
- Cut down leaning tree on Best Rd.
- Moved Equip around at shop in preparation for new salt shed
- Road check and sign check weekly
- Salt shed footers foundation
- Filled pot holes with HPM

SMITH TOWNSHIP REGUALR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

- Berm both sides of Beech St.
- Drag Martin and Best Road Extension off of Martin

Materials Used:

- Gas: 50.6 gal
- Diesel: 156.4 gal

Other Reported:

2025 Mahoning County Sales Tax Paving Revenue Projected Projects will be:

1. Oak St. from Bandy Rd. to Lake Park Ave.
2. Heisler Rd.
3. Factory St.

- 4. RESOLUTION 2024-1001-01** Be it resolved, that the Smith Township Board of Trustees, approve the purchase of a new trailer for hauling of equipment from Appalachian Trailers at a purchase price of \$6,659.13. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

- 5. Motion to approve the removal of an Oak Tree on Heisler Rd. by Mike Stiffler at a cost of \$4,000.** Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present. Trustee Terry Criss presented the report on Statistics for September of 2024 as follows:

- 98 Incident Reports
- 9 Accidents
- 60 Citations
- 142 Traffic Stops
- 325 Business Checks

SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Other Reported:

- Accepted the resignation of Scott Dean (busy with other job)
- Held a Public Relations event at the Police Department on Sept. 22, 2024 (Cider with a Cop)
- Will be hosting the annual Trunk or Treat at Beloit Park on Oct. 26, 2024 3-5 pm.
- Purchased 5 Patrol Rifles from Runzos Sports for \$3,250
- Seven Officers were fitted for the purchase of new ballistic vests from Red Diamond uniform to be worn on duty as old vests have reached the end of their useful lives. (New vests will arrive within 90 days).

Fire Report

No Report Given.

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, was present, and presented the September 2024 report:

- Made several tours of problematic areas of township.
- Spoke with Colton Masters re: Paul Berry property at 20947 Alliance Sebring Rd., Alliance, OH and Bonnie LeMasters at 13910 Francis Ave., Alliance OH. He was to send his inspector to both properties. Waiting for his response.
- Called Mahoning County Health Dept re: hornets on Norman Ave. abandoned mobile home that was reported to township. They do not handle hornets. Instructed home owner she would need to contact owner or call an exterminator.
- Assigned address for vacant property on Bandy Rd.
- Sent email to Attorney Finamore with several attachments containing all data this department has re: man living in utility trailer on W. Oregon Ave. will share Attorney Finamore's response.
- Was alerted by Mahoning County 911 to four illogical addresses near Middletown and Bandy. Composed letter and sent to property owners. See attached letter. One property owner was upset and made it known on social media. I phoned him and we had a congenial conversation he subsequently removed the negative post.
- Spoke with Tom Michael's from Mahoning County Prosecutor's office re: home on North Benton West that trustees had voted to demolish. County filed for foreclosure on this property and they are preparing to take it to Sheriff's sale. I let ACT Excavating know to stop work on estimate.
- Initial letter sent to Courtney Rd. property alerting them to nuisance issues. If no response will submit to trustees for cleanup consideration under ORC 505.87
- Sent zoning violation to property owners in R-1 zoned district on Oak Street re: multiple cars on property on lots on both sides of Oak St. At last count there 13 plus a boat.
- Extended deadline an extra week for 505.87 cleanup on Johnson Rd. to major medical issue with resident's mother. New deadline is September 30th.

Misc. Calls:

Norman/Harding business question

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

Prospective owner on Bandy Rd.-electric hookup

Zoning on property in Sebring Village

Address question on Bandy Rd.

Harrisburg-Westville Rd.-permit question

Status check on Oak St. issue, N Benton W. issue, and W. Oregon

Cattle issue on Western Reserve Rd.

- 6. RESOLUTION 2024-1001-07** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees hereby determine that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and/or debris upon the following real property located at 1136 S. Johnson Rd., Sebring, Ohio 44672 (16-047-0-004.00) constitutes a nuisance. 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

- 7. RESOLUTION 2024-1001-08** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees hereby determine that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and/or debris upon the following real property located at 18412 Courtney Rd., Beloit, Ohio 44609 (16-074-0-005.00) constitutes a nuisance. 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

Approve Reports

- 8.** 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 5, 2024.