

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and bills paid for the month of March 2024 in the amount of \$92,055.02. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

The March 2024 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.
The March 2024 VISA statement has been reviewed by the Trustees.

**Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report
Issues Discussed:**

Read Balance in Funds

Katelyn Dickey thank you.

Fiscal Officer will OTARMA about a property appraisal by HCA Asset Management.

Road Report

Bob Ritchey, Acting Road Foreman, presented the report and Trustee Barnett read the report for the month of March 2024:

- Repaired bus turnaround on Lake Park Rd.
- Patched holes on Fairview, Beech and Addie
- Moved dirt
- Took load of scrap to Broadway
- Ditched on Best Rd.
- Cleaned Equipment
- Collected Wreaths at NB cemetery
- Filled pot holes on various roads
- Cleaned trash from Martin Rd.
- Replaced Flag at Police Department
- Trained Bruce
- Put up new road signs (STOP & speed limit & various)
- Put up reflectors on STOP signs and bridges

Material used:

- Gas 53.5 gallons
- Diesel 98 gallons

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- HPM 12 ton

- 4. RESOLUTION 2024-0402-01** the Smith Township Trustees resolve to approve the hiring of Bruce Betz as the Road Foreman in training on March 25, 2024 to replace the former Road Foreman, Zach Wagner, who was released March 12,2024. Bruce will receive Road Laborer wages (\$22.66 per hour) until trained then will move to Road Foreman wage (\$26.27) after his training period. Bob Ritchey, Road Laborer, will move to Road Foreman wage beginning February 25, 2024 and will return to Road Laborer wage after Mr. Betz is trained. Bruce Betz will be paid ½ of his sign-on bonus (\$500) on his first pay. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

- 5. RESOLUTION 2024-0402-02** the Smith Township Trustees resolve to hire a part-time seasonal employee, Adam Corll, for the Spring/Summer months to help with mowing to be paid \$18.00 an hour. Adam will report to Bruce Betz, the Road Foreman in training. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

- 6. RESOLUTION 2024-0402-03** the Smith Township Trustees resolve to approve the purchase of a 2000 John Deere Run gas mower with a 72” mowing deck from Ag-Pro Company for 15,992.40 to be used to mow various Township areas and road sides. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
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Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna was present and reported Statistics for the month of March 2024:

- 73 Incident Reports
- 7 Accidents
- 53 Citations
- 143 Traffic Stops
- 357 Business Checks

Also reported:

- The annual volunteer Roadside Trash pickup for P.D. will be this Sunday, April 8, 2024 from 9-11.
- Smith Township P.D. will be holding a “Pizza with the Police” open to all residents of Beloit and Smith Township at the Beloit Fire Station of Sunday, April 20, 2024 from 11:00-1:00.

Fire Report

No Report Given.

- 7. RESOLUTION 2024-0402-04** the Smith Township Trustees resolve to approve the payment to Mike Springer as a part-time employee of Smith Township for his service to the Township as building inspector of houses in the Township to determine if they are structurally unsafe at a rate of \$50 per building of which time he has done 10 paid inspections. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

Zoning Report

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

- Spoke with Treva Louive from Tanner Real Estate re: 22669 Railroad St. (on our demo list). Bank cleaned out house and property. Bank putting property on market for \$49,900-
- Met with property owner of 18384 Courtney Rd. to discuss 505.86. Gave direction on appeal request. Provided list of deficiencies found upon inspection.
- Attended public hearing re:18384 Courtney Rd. Trustees moved to give property owner 120 days to make needed structural improvements voiced at hearing.
- Made attempts to secure court reporter for appeal hearing. Called eight- no availability

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Also phoned three other townships and village of Sebring to seek names. No one available.

The take away is: in the future we need, first and foremost, secure a court reporter early and set the date according to their availability. All others need to work around his/her schedule.

- Received title search results from Title One for Tombaugh Ave. demo. There are three mortgage lien holders (99,970.65), one hospital lien holder (1195.35), and Mahoning County for back taxes (3130..90). Totaling \$104,296.90. Proper certified mailing notifications have been sent.
- Requested bids from ACT Excavating for Francis, Tombaugh, Alliance-Sebring, and Courtney Rd. demos. (Courtney Rd. is now deleted from list.). Also for cleanup on W. Oregon.
- ACT Excavating expects to begin demo and cleanup of Stanley Ave. properties in April.
- Assigned address for property on Bandy Rd., North Benton
- Provided zoning classification to appraisers for Western Reserve Rd. and Lake Park Blvd.
- Provided information to appraiser for property on Rt. 14-Portage County
- Provided zoning resolution and map to REV Renewable Project Mgr.
- Spoke at length with possible buyer of 845 California Ave. re: transforming garage into 14x28 living space. Requested and received drawing. Performed drive-by inspection. Sent zoning regs to him.
- Mailed reminder letter to resident on Beloit Snodes Rd. regarding trustee's decision to mandate tarping his junk vehicle. Also phoned complainant to inform of trustee's decision.
- Completed Zoom meeting with Mike Anderson, GIS Datamark re: address assignment update.
- Received 12th St. question on home addition
- Masc. Calls:
 - Resident of Ellett Rd.-vegetable stand and firewood sales question
 - Where to recycle 13" TV-resident question
 - Public water/sewer on Lake Park.
 - IGS Energy (supplier for Columbia Gas & Ohio Edison) re: door to door solicitation in the township.
- T&N Excavating re: demo permit for Lexington Rd. property.
Tillman Infrastructure-permit questions for cell towers/site

8. RESOLUTION 2024-0402-07A the Smith Township Trustees resolve to approve the payment of \$9,500 to A.C.T. Excavating LLC for the demolition, fill in, grading, and seeding of the unsecure structures located at 13566 Tombaugh Ave., Alliance, Ohio, 44601. Passed.

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

9. RESOLUTION 2024-0402-07B the Smith Township Trustees resolve to approve the payment of \$8,000 to A.C.T. Excavating LLC for the demolition, fill in, grading, and seeding of the unsecure structures located at 22787 Alliance Sebring Rd., Alliance, Ohio, 44601. 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 Reports

10. 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 Meeting is 7:00 p.m. May 7, 2024.