NINTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The meeting was called to order with a prayer & Pledge of Allegiance by Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox.

Roll Call:

Mr. Showalter Present X Excused

Mr. Criss Present X Excused

Mr. Mannion Present X Excused

Attorney, Mark Finamore was present.

**Adopt Agenda**

1. Motion to adopt monthly meeting agenda. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. ShowalterSeconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

* Yes No Mr. Showalter
* Yes No Mr. Criss
* Yes No Mr. Mannion

**Approve Monthly Minutes**

1. Motion to approve the November 10, 2021 Minutes. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. CrissSeconded by: Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

* Yes No Mr. Criss
* Yes No Mr. Showalter
* Yes No Mr. Mannion

**Citizens’ Comments**

Gina DeGenova, Chief Assistant Prosecutor and Public Information Officer, of Mahoning County was present at the meeting. She is wanting the Mahoning County Prosecutor’s Office to have more of a presence in our township along with the services the Office offers.

She specifically discussed the Mahoning County Special Needs Registry which is open to any Mahoning County resident who has a physical or mental impairment. All information provided on the registry will remain strictly confidential and will be utilized by dispatchers, first responder and law enforcement during times of emergency. The goal is to ensure all resident who may be in need of special assistance will have the support they need in time of emergency. For more information, please visit the Smith Township Police Department between the hours of 9:00 - 3:00 Monday – Friday.

Her office will also provide event speakers to talk about bullying, senior citizen issues, and various other topics. Call the Mahoning County Prosecutors Office for availability. (330) 740-2330.

**Approve Financial Reports**

1. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of October in the amount of $82,028.17. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. ShowalterSeconded by: Mr Criss

* Yes No Mr. Showalter
* Yes No Mr. Criss
* Yes No Mr. Mannion

1. Motion to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation Summary for November, 30 2021. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. CrissSeconded by: Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

* Yes No Mr. Criss
* Yes No Mr. Showalter
* Yes No Mr. Mannion

**Road Report**

Zach Wagner, Road Foreman, not present. Tyler McCoy, Road Laborer, presented the report for the month of November 2021:

* + - * Get catch basin vacuumed out by county
* Mow and weed eat township buildings and parks
* Have fire to burn brush
* Fix a washout on Oyster Rd.
* Prepare Winter equipment
* Get big dump truck fixed, with new injectors
* Get paper work done for mini excavator
* Fill potholes on various roads
* Order and Receive salt
* Road drag Marin and Best Rd.
* Salt and plow once
* Boom mow

**Material used:**

* Diesel: 148 gallons
* Gas: 86 gallons
* #57 stone: 9 ton
* HPM: 5 ton
* Salt: 50 ton

**Police Report**

Chief Paul Ceresna was present. Statistics for the month of November 2021:

* 77 Incident Reports
* 15 Accidents
* 85 Citations
* 161 Traffic Stopes
* 232 Business Checks

1. **2021-1206-01 Resolution Public Safety Equipment Upgrade** **of radio system** for the Police Department to a MARCS system that will mirror our dispatch servicers. The cost of the upgrade is $51,178 which will be paid from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act Grant. **See attached resolution**. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. ShowalterSeconded by: Mr Criss

* Yes No Mr. Showalter
* Yes No Mr. Criss
* Yes No Mr. Mannion

1. **2021-1206-02 Resolution requesting to create and fill the position of Crime Prevention Officer** at Smith Township Police Department. The position will have a part time starting rate of $14.00. Paul Freer has accepted this position. This position will be on an as needed basis with a maximum of 10 hrs. per week with varied responsibilities. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. CrissSeconded by: Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

* Yes No Mr. Criss
* Yes No Mr. Showalter
* Yes No Mr. Mannion

**Zoning Report**

Peggy Christy, Zoning Inspector was presented the November Zoning Report:

Returned calls re:

* Evaluations Limited for North Benton Motel
* Steve Pagano Aurora-Middletown Rd., North Benton
* Tom from Professional Appraisers for 956 N. Johnson
* Concerns related to new neighbors at W. California
* New owner W. California, demo and building questions
* Jeff Worley, Alliance Post Office, concern for address on Mahoning Ave.
* Follow up on Mahoning Ave. issue
* Karrie Houp, Professional Real Estate Appraisers, zoning for

parcel 190360177000

* Reassigned address for 11900 Oyster Rd.
* Parcel #161030001. Last month's address did not populate due to complications at DATAMARK.

**Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report**

**Issues Discussed:**

* Mark Finamore to provide a well-reasoned legal opinion to support refusal to pay fraudulent unemployment claims for Township Employees based on Opinion #2021-OPIN-0012 from the office of Paul Gains, Mahoning County Prosecuting Attorney.
* Reallocations and increases in budgeted amounts:

1. **2021-1110-01 and 2020-1110-02** **Resolutions to Reallocate $3,500 from Contingency Dollars in the Police Fund 2081 and $500 from Contingency Dollars in the Road Fund 2021, respectively, to cover various expenses.**

**2021-1208-01 reallocate $9,000 in the Road Fund 2031 and $12,000 in the Road Fund 2011, $4,500 in the Road Fund 2021, $8,630.98 in the General Fund and reallocate $520.89 in the Police Fund 2081from Contingency Dollars or other to cover various expenses.**

**2021-1208-02 Resolution to increase the OPWC budget by $16,135.85 in the OPWC Pine Lake Road Safety Upgrades Phase II Fund 4401 to cover under budgeted amount.**

**All Passed.**

Moved by: Mr. ShowalterSeconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

* Yes No Mr. Showalter
* Yes No Mr. Criss
* Yes No Mr. Mannion
* **2021-1208-03 Resolution to authorize Township to appropriate and pay expenses as they come due for 2022 until our reorganization meeting scheduled for January 11, 2022. (see attached). Passed**

Moved by: Mr. CrissSeconded by: Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

* Yes No Mr. Criss
* Yes No Mr. Showalter
* Yes No Mr. Mannion

**Approve Reports**

1. Motion to accept all reports. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. ShowalterSeconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

* Yes No Mr. Showalter
* Yes No Mr. Criss
* Yes No Mr. Mannion

**Adjournment**

Motion by Chairman, Mr. Mannion to adjourn meeting.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. January 11, 2022.