TENTH 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. Barnett Present X Excused Attorney, Mark Finamore was present.					
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 Metion to approve the October 4, 2022 Recoder Meeting Minutes. Recode					
2. Motion to approve the October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Passed.					
Moved by Mr. Barnett Seconded by Mr. Criss					
Roll Call Vote: ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter					
Citizens' Comments					
Milt Hallett of W. Ohio Ave. and wife were present to discuss a nuisance property situated adjacent to their property and located on Oregon Ave. Mark Finamore, Smith Township legal counsel, recommended that Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, issue a Zoning violation complaint to the owner giving them 14 days to clean up the property. If the owners do not comply Mr. Finamore will proceed in the enforcement of Zoning Regulations.					

Eric and Nadine Peterson were present to discuss with Trustee Scott Showalter the status of the 825 Tennessee property. Mr. Showalter is still investigating and should have answers in a few days.

Approve Financial Reports

3.	Motion to appro	ve the Financial Report	, and EFTs and	Warrants in the	amount of \$	98,155.28
	for November	Passed				

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
- **4.** Motion to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation Summary for November 30, 2023. Passed.

Moved by __Mr. Barnett_

Seconded by _Mr. Criss_

Roll Call Vote:

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

Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

Issues Discussed:

5. Resolution 2023-1205-01 be it resolved the Trustees approve the reallocation to various funds and the budget increase to various funds to cover expenses. (see attached) 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 2023-1205-03 to authorize the Township to appropriate and pay expenses as they come due for 2024 until our reorganization meeting scheduled for January 02, 2024. (see attached resolution) Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

7. Motion to approve a \$50 Giant Eagle gift card as an appreciation/Holiday gift (other than cash) to all employees with a low fair market value (<u>I.R.C. § 132(a)(4)</u> excludes *de minimis* benefits—benefits that are too minor or trivial to merit consideration—from taxable income.). Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
- January meeting date set for January 02, 2024
- Tac Computer service agreement

Road Report

Zach Wagner, Road Foreman, presented the report for the month of November 2023:

- Boom Mow roadside ditches
- Weigh a scoop of salt from new loader bucket (2 ton)
- Mow Twp. buildings and shooting range
- Hauled grit for snow and ice control
- Get new salt spinner motors
- Change 3 crossover pipes on South Range Rd.
- Get 5 ton of HPM
- Change snowplow blade on big plow
- Fix u joint on broom

Materials Used:

Gas: 82.5 galsDiesel: 195 gals#4 Stone: 24 tons#304 stone: 16 tons#57 stone: 6 tons

• #617 stone: 6 tons

8. Resolution 2023-1205-05 to authorize the Township to approve the sale of the old Cas 580 Super L Road Department Backhoe (Loader) through an online auction. Mark Finamore to send authorized procedures Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present, Police Sergeant, Steve McDaniel, presented Statistics for the month of November 2023

- 59 Incident Reports
- 12 Accident Reports
- 34 Citations
- 101 Traffic stops
- 213 Business checks

Also reported: Police garage drainage pipe cleaned out.

Trailstar donated 6 Thanksgiving meals which were distributed by the Police Department.

9. Resolution 2023-1205-04 to approve the expenditure of \$349.67 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for Ohio Peace Officer Training. The fund currently has a balance of \$3,392.46. (see attached)

Moved by Mr. Barnett Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

- ✓ Yes No Mr. Barnett
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
- ✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
- 10. Resolution 2023-1205-06 to authorize the Township to approve the contract between the Smith Township Police Department and TAC Computer, Inc. TAC Computers, Inc. provides and maintains the public safety computer software systems for the Police Department. Passed.

Moved by _Mr. Criss_ Seconded by _Mr. Barnett_

Roll Call Vote:

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

Fire Report

No report given

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, presented the November 2023 report:

- Handled all correspondence and phone calls related to zoning/nuisance property issues along with a few recycling questions related to electronics.
- Received 4 complaint calls and pictures from resident related to 13910 Francis Ave.
- Gave direction on dispute between neighbors over fence issue and fallen tree issue on Courtney

Road. Received multiple calls from both parties. Provided Ohio Fence Line Law information. Encouraged communication. Provided zoning resolution booklet to complainant.

- Composed list of properties for Chief Springer to inspect for Mahoning County Land Bank possible demos and emailed same. Inspections completed and forwarded to Trustee Showalter.
- Received complaint re: RV resort park on 97 acres on Oyster Rd.- no septic or well, only electric provided. Have yet to follow up.
- Neighbor of 22669 Railroad St. continues to voice concerns.
- W. Oregon property continues with a severe nuisance issue. There is no street address assigned. Parcel number 15-014-0-012.00-0. Neighbor is becoming agitated.
- Received requests for zoning classifications from realtors/appraisers' companies for the following properties: 22669 Railroad St., 11290 Oyster Rd.,1172 Mahoning, 1196 S. Johnson, 13515 Oyster Rd.
- Received call pertaining to zoning of cell phone communication towers. Columbia Gas tap orders. Outstanding violations for 1172 Mahoning Ave. (for Beacon Title Co.)
- Took photos of "new" nuisance property issues and comprised list of both old and new complaints.
- Obtained rates for current owner title searches for property liens.

Title One Agency-Alliance	\$125-
Commonwealth Suburban-Salem & Canfield	\$150-
Heritage Title-Alliance	\$200-

^{*}Please consider a separate special meeting to discuss the ever-growing list of problematic properties within the township.

11. Resolution 2023-1205-07 to declare the attached Exhibit A properties a nuisance and structurally unsafe as determined by the Fire Chief, Mike Springer. Be it further resolved that the attached Exhibit A property listing be sent to the Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corporation. Passed. (see attached)

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

12. 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 regular meeting. Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. January 02, 2024.