

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

SIXTH 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excused	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Criss	Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excused	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Barnett	Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excused	<input type="checkbox"/>

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. Motion to approve the May 3, 2022 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

Mahoning County Engineer, Patrick Ginnetti, was present to discuss Lake Park drainage issues to an audience of several Lake Park residents. He said that there is culvert and grading problems that need to be resolved before paving begins. He also brought a map of the area to help explain his concerns with Lake Park. All culverts will need to be 15 inches, utilities will need to be moved back, and ditches will need to be cleared to create a positive drainage from east to west. He is working on coordinating culvert and pipe replacement. He hopes to have the Lake Park drainage issues resolved by the end of this summer.

Chad Apple, a township resident was present with concerns regarding the junk vehicles in his own yard. Paul Freer, Code Enforcement Officer and Mark Finamore, our legal representation, who have been working together to actively resolve the junk vehicles and nuisance properties issues in the Township, explained the laws that support their actions.

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Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of May in the amount of \$79,482.55. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

4. Motion to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation Summary for May, 31 2022. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

Road Report

Zach Wagner, Road Foreman, was not present. Tyler Thorn, Road Laborer, presented the report for the month of May 2022:

- Filled potholes on various roads with HPM cold patch
- Moved Snow removal equipment out of main garage area
- Dug ditch on Smith NW Rd
- Attended to edge and berm of Lexington Rd. following an accident
- Mow Township buildings
- Brush hog and mow shooting range for Police Department
- Switch between boom mower and ditching head
- Remove trash from Lexington collected by Police Department during clean-up day
- Road drag Martin and Best Rd.
- Boom mowed

Materials used:

- Diesel: 127.5 gallons
- Gas: 67 gallons

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna was present. Statistics for the month of May 2022 presented:

- 105 Incident Reports
- 11 Accidents
- 83 Citations
- 190 Traffic Stops
- 243 Business Checks

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The Police Department volunteered their time to pick up trash on Lexington Rd. At the end of the day they collected and removed approximately 30 large garbage bags of trash.

5. **Resolution 2022-0607-02** to proceed to Levy a tax in excess of the Ten Mill Limitation (additional 3.0 mills). (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

Fire Report

No report given

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning Inspector, presented the May 2022 Zoning Report:

- Handled all correspondence and phone calls related to zoning matters.
- Inquiry was made related to “Barndominiums” in R-1 district.
- Referred resident to Mahoning County Building Inspection Department for electrical permit.
- Responded to question regarding property line dispute between neighbors.
- Replied to Partner Engineering & Science to assist with Phase I Environmental Site Assessment on Alden Ave.
- Returned appraiser calls re: zoning classifications for properties on Ellett Rd., Alden Ave., W. Middletown Rd., Morgan Ave., Lexington Rd., and Beloit Snodes Rd.
- Forwarded nuisance property complaint for Alliance Sebring Rd. property to Paul Freer.

Code Enforcement Officer Report

Paul Freer, Code Enforcement Officer and Crime Prevention Officer, requested and was granted permission to meet with Mark Finamore to clarify the Township defense regarding nuisance properties and citizen rights.

Paul received and is acting on property complaints forwarded from the Zoning Inspector.

6. **Resolution 2022-0607-04** The Trustees voted to contract with Broadway Towing to tow away all junk vehicles as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer. Broadway will tow the vehicles in return for keeping all the metal as scrap.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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- 7. Resolution 2022-0607-03** to contract with Mahoning County Commissioners Land Bank authorizing them to abate the property nuisance located at 835 W. Tennessee Ave. by removal and demolition of nuisance structures on behalf of the Township. (see attached)

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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| ✓ | Yes | No | <u>Mr. Barnett</u> |
| ✓ | Yes | No | <u>Mr. Criss</u> |
| ✓ | Yes | No | <u>Mr. Showalter</u> |

Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

Issues Discussed:

- 8. Resolution 2022-0607-01 to approve the reallocation** to various funds and the budget increase to various funds to cover expenses. (see attached)

Moved by: Mr. Criss

Seconded by: Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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| ✓ | Yes | No | <u>Mr. Criss</u> |
| ✓ | Yes | No | <u>Mr. Barnett</u> |
| ✓ | Yes | No | <u>Mr. Showalter</u> |

- Checked with Mr. Finamore during meeting to make sure the township is on track with the levy.
- BWC audit scheduled for July 5th at 9 a.m. Should take approximately an hour.
- Trustees Showalter and Barnett to attend the Mahoning County Township Association Summer Dinner.
- Trustee Chairperson, Scott Showalter, reported that the SBDG to pave Alden Ave. was not approved.
- The Trustees announced that the Township will be on Summer recess for Township Meetings for July and August due to scheduling issues and will resume meetings on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022

Approve Reports

- 9.** Motion to accept all reports. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Criss

Seconded by: Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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| ✓ | Yes | No | <u>Mr. Criss</u> |
| ✓ | Yes | No | <u>Mr. Barnett</u> |
| ✓ | Yes | No | <u>Mr. Showalter</u> |

Executive Session

- 10.** Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss compensation of part time Police Officers. The executive session began at 8:50 pm and ended at 9:00 pm. Passed.

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Seconded by: Mr. Criss

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✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

11. Resolution 2022-0607-05 The actions approved in executive session were presented. In an effort to reduce overtime pay for full-time and retain part-timers the part time wage will be increased from \$14.85 an hour to \$18.00 an hour. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

Adjournment

Motion by Chairman, Mr. Showalter to adjourn regular meeting.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. September 6, 2022.