

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022  
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

**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	<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 October 4, 2022 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**

Eric and Nadine Peterson present to report a squatter in the vacant house located next to their residence. Sebring water has shut off water to the house as early as 2017 but for some reason there is still water running to the house. Trustee, Mr. Criss, to call the Sebring water department to try to get someone out to resolve the problem.

Jeff and Dorothy Votaw (Bandy Rd.) Concerned about an adjacent neighboring property located on Caldwell Ave., known as the Tuel property, that is unfit for habitation and should be declared a nuisance property. Based on the evidence submitted the Trustees voted to declare this property a nuisance. Peggy Christy to determine cost to clean up property from a company recommended by Mark Finamore.

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3. Resolution 2022-1108-02 pursuant to Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, be it resolved that the Trustees hereby determine the property located at 13545 Caldwell Ave, Alliance, OH 44601 to be a nuisance property. Passed (See Attached Resolution)

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Approve Financial Reports**

4. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants in the amount of \$79,339.61 for October. 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. Motion to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation Summary for October 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

**Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report**

**Issues Discussed:**

6. **Resolution 2022-1108-01 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. Criss

Seconded by: Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

- December meeting date set for **December 6, 2022**
- ARP balance and potential needs for 2023.
- Rescind Payment of Health Care Opt-Out Incentive Policy

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7. **Resolution 2022-1108-06** be it resolved the Trustees approve the removal of the established **Health Care Opt-Out Incentive Policy (Resolution 2018-0413-01)** for Township employees and township officials pursuant to Oho Revised Code Sections RC 505.60. This Opt-Out incentive will no longer be available to employees who have insurance policies outside of the Township. The employees only option will be to except the Township group plan insurance or not.

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, presented the report for the month of October 2022:

- Fill potholes on various roads with HPM
- Lay Asphalt
- Get new spot light for Police Department
- Work on backhoe tire and install new oil cooler
- Mow the shooting range
- Type up new job opening, and post it
- Call Ohio Edison and get info transferred for lights at Maple Ridge
- Put stone on alleys
- Participate in Trunk or Treat

Materials Used:

- Diesel: 119 Gallons
- Gas: 76.5 Gallons
- HPM: 6 tons
- 448 Asphalt: 48 tons

**Police Report**

Chief Paul Ceresna was present and presented Statistics for the month of October 2022

- 73 Incident Reports
- 11 Accidents
- 59 Citations
- 168 Traffic Stops
- 301 Business Checks

Trunk or Treat event was held at Maple Ridge and was a great success.

**Fire Report**

No report given

**Zoning Report**

Peggy Christy presented the following Zoning Report for October:

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• Handled all phone calls and correspondence related to zoning and nuisance property issues  
The following are some of the subject matter discussed:

- Cell tower generator replacement
- Survey necessity on possible land purchase
- Vacating of Alley
- Neighbor issues regarding Farm Animals
- Neighbor issues regarding rat infestation
- Miscellaneous Zoning questions from prospective property buyer.

**8. Resolution 2022-1108-03** Based on proof presented by Peggy Christy, pursuant to Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, be it resolved that the Trustees hereby determine the property located on Stanley Ave., owner Eva Griffin, to be a nuisance property. Passed (See Attached Resolution)

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**

**9.** 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

**10. Motion to go into Executive Session during the Regular meeting** for the purpose of discussing employee compensation of the Police Dept. and the Road Dept. It was moved and seconded that the Board go into Executive Session to consider increasing the wages in both departments to stay competitive and retain employees. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

**11. Motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session of the Board Meeting.**

It was moved and seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session and back into open Session of the Board Meeting. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

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

**12. Resolution 2022-1108-04**

Be it resolved that the Trustees moved on and voted to give the Full Time Police Officers a \$5.00 an hour increase in wage to be effective the pay period ending November23, 2022. Also, the Trustees agreed to pay a one-time \$3,000 retention bonus to all Full-Time Police Department Employees and a \$1,500 sign-on bonus when filling the empty full-time position to be paid \$750 or half up-front and the second half in 6 months. Also, the office clerical staff will receive a \$1.00 per hour increase in wage and the Part-Time Police Sergeant will receive a \$2.00 per hour increase in wage. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

**13. Resolution 2022-1108-05**

Be it resolved that the Trustees moved on and voted to give the Full Time Road Foreman a \$5.00 an hour increase in wage to be effective the pay period ending November 23, 2022. Also, the Trustees agreed to pay a one-time \$3,000 retention bonus to the Full-Time Road Department Employee and a \$1.000 sign-on bonus when filling the empty full-time position to be paid \$500 or half up-front and the second half in 6 months. 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 regular meeting.

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