SEVENTH 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. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Criss Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Approve Monthly Minutes

2. Motion to approve the September 15, 2021 Minutes. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Citizens' Comments

Pat Ginnetti, Mahoning County Engineer, to discuss "Residents for Better Roads". Mr. Ginnetti answered questions pertaining to the upcoming proposed .25% sales tax for a period of 5 years to be placed on the November 2, 2021 ballot. 100% of revenue generated will go to road and bridge repair and cannot be used for salaries, equipment, or buildings. VOTE YES on Issue One will create jobs, and provide funding for safer and improved infrastructure. Mr. Ginnetti is available for questions by calling the Mahoning County Engineers Office at (330) 799-1581.

Sylvia Hammond, a township resident, was also present and had questions about the 2019 gas and diesel fuel tax increase that went into effect January 1, 2020. Mr. Ginnetti, explained that the county has not been able to take full advantage of the benefits of the increase due to Covid but expects that in future years the impact will provide the additional funds expected for road maintenance and repairs.

Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of September in the amount of \$77,425.28. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

4. Motion to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation Summary for September, 30 2021. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Road Report

Zach Wagner, Road Foreman, presented the report for the month of September 2021:

- Patch potholes on various roads with 448 asphalt
- Mow and weed eat Township property
- Cut limbs for bus drivers
- Install driveway culverts on Martin Rd and Pine Lake Rd
- Pine Lake was paved
- Take big truck to K&D for work, still needs more done
- New Fence at North Benton Cemetery is mostly completed
- Change lights at PD

Material used:

Diesel: 122.5 gallonsGas: 51.5 gallons

Police Report

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

- 87 Incident Reports
- 10 Accidents
- 62 Citations
- 136 Traffic Stops
- 215 Business Checks

The Police Department also reported that SMITH TOWNSHIP TRICK or TREAT will be SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Recycling & Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning Inspector and Recycling coordinator presented the September Zoning Report.

Recycling

5. **RESOLUTION 2021-1020-03** DECISION ON RECYCLING STATUS a Recycling Coordinator is no longer needed and Peggy Christy will no longer receive recycling wages. She is still available for recycling questions. Passed

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

✓ Yes No Mr. Criss

✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Zoning

- Instructed Beloit Village Council member on nuisance property laws
- Gave direction to property owner at 22405 Alliance Sebring Rd on sign and building permit requirements
- Clarified issues for resident at 670 Maryland Ave.
- Verified to Mahoning County Auditor's office that 17918 has been a primary resident for landowners for 43 years in order for county zoning classification to be changed from commercial to residential for purposes of real estate sale.
- Sent verification letter to Mahoning County Building Inspection department for parcel 16024000400 verifying agriculture purpose of building.
- Verified zoning classification for 21620 Courtney Rd., for Kevin Scott, real estate appraiser.
- Verified zoning classification for 9760 Wagner Rd., North Benton for Anya from Key Bank
- Took photos of 13610 Stanley Ave. for nuisance property complaint regarding overgrown trees. See attached paperwork.
- Took photos of 13910 Francis for nuisance property complaint regarding unsecured garbage.
- Took pictures of 21728 and 21655 Alliance Sebring Rd and sent complaint form to Mahoning County Health Dept.-as per request from resident.
 - 6. Resolution 2021-1020-04 for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, refuse and other Debris on Stanley Ave., Alliance. Passed. (see attached)

Moved by: Mr. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Criss
Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter

✓ Yes No Mr. Criss

✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

Issues Discussed:

- New Cemetery fence was installed but still waiting on a section for the North end of the fence.
- 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.
 - 7. 2021-1020-01 Resolution to Reallocate \$5,000 from Contingency Dollars in the Fire Fund 2111 to Pay Sebring for Fire Contract. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

8. Resolution 2021-1020-02 Resolution to increase the budget by \$6,000 in the Fire Fund 2111 to Pay Sebring for Fire Contract through the rest of 2021. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

9. **Motion** to set Trick or Treat for 2021 on Saturday, October 30, 2021, 4-6 pm the same as Sebring. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes No Mr. Showalter
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Criss
 ✓ Yes No Mr. Mannion

Approve Reports

10. Motion to accept all reports. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter Seconded 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. November 10, 2021.