

**SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
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. Mannion	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. Showalter Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes	No	<u>Mr. Showalter</u>
✓ Yes	No	<u>Mr. Criss</u>
✓ Yes	No	<u>Mr. Mannion</u>

Approve Monthly Minutes

2. Motion to approve the June 2, 2021 Minutes. Passed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes	No	<u>Mr. Criss</u>
✓ Yes	No	<u>Mr. Showalter</u>
✓ Yes	No	<u>Mr. Mannion</u>

Citizens' Comments

No Citizens Present

Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the months of June, July, and August in the amounts of \$93,977.58, \$101,589.48, and \$70,775.25. Passed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

✓ Yes	No	<u>Mr. Showalter</u>
✓ Yes	No	<u>Mr. Criss</u>
✓ Yes	No	<u>Mr. Mannion</u>

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4. Motion to approve and sign the Bank Reconciliation Summary for February, June, July, and August of 2021. Passed.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

Road Report

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

- Mowed and weed eat parks and Township buildings
- Boom mowed roadside ditches
- Sweep then patch various roads with 448 asphalt
- Road drag Martin and Best Rds.
- Push off downed trees after storm
- Have playground equipment sprayed with weed killer at NB park
- Put up and take down Canfield Fair display

Material used:

- Diesel – 353.5 gallons
- Gas – 113.5 gallons
- 448: 153.95 tons

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna not present. Trustee Terry Criss reported statistics for the month of August 2021:

- 93 incident reports
- 9 accident reports
- 86 citations
- 204 business checks
- 118 traffic stops

Participated in the Drive Sober Campaign.

Hired Steve McDaniel as Full Time Patrolman.

The Police Department would like to announce that they will be having a Trunk or Treat at Maple Ridge on Oct 23, from 3-5.

Recycling & Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning Inspector and Recycling coordinator was not present, the August Zoning and Recycling Reports were read by Trustee Terry Criss

Recycling

- To preserve the Township Hall parking lot, Recycling drop-off bins will remain at Maple Ridge Park.

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Zoning

- Assigned addresses on Maryland Ave. and Heisler Rd.
- Supplied Zoning classification for Tanner Realty and others.
- Supplied assessment information for America Land Titles.
- Investigated possible nuisance issues on properties.
- Provided answers to prospective property owners on North Benton West, California Ave., and Ellet Rd.
- Sent notification letters
- Fielded various zoning questions

Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report

Issues Discussed:

- New Cemetery fence to be installed at the end of September 2021.
- October monthly meeting to be moved from **October 6th to October 20th**. Mr. Patrick Ginnetti, Mahoning County Engineer, will be present at this meeting to discuss Road issues in Mahoning County.
- Review and sign Farmers National Bank Account Agreement.
- OPERS 2022 rates for Employer and Employee stay the same for State, and Law Enforcement.
- 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.

5. **2021-0915-01 Resolution to Accept the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority for the Township anniversary insurance coverage outline and contribution invoice for \$14,643.**

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

6. **Resolution 2021-0901-01 reallocation of contingency dollars or increase budget in Road Fund to cover the cost of the Ford 550 loan payment.**
7. **Resolution 2021-0901-02 reallocation of contingency dollars or increase budget in the Police Fund to cover the cost of paving the Town Hall parking lot.**
8. **Resolution 2021-0901-03 reallocation of contingency dollars or increase budget in the Police Fund to cover the cost of new radios.**
9. **Resolution 2021-0901-04 reallocation of contingency dollars or increase budget in the General Fund for Zoning Wages.**

For resolutions 6, 7, 8, and 9 above:

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

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10. Resolution 2021-0915-02 Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Mahoning County Auditor's office.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

11. Resolution 2021-0915-03 Acceptance of American Rescue Grant Funds (ARP) from House Bill 168 and all terms.

Moved by: Mr. Showalter

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

12. Resolution 2021-0915-04 Abatement of Property Nuisance and Contract with Mahoning County Land Reutilization Corp declaring property to be unfit for human habitation and ordering and providing for abatement of nuisance and contracting with the Mahoning County Commissioners Land Bank authorizing removal and demolition on behalf of the Township.

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

13. Motion to accept all reports

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. October 20, 2021.