

SMITH TOWNSHIP REGUALR MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025  
AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

SEVENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance, led by Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox. Mark Finamore was present.

Call meeting to order

Roll call:

Mr. Showalter	Present	<u>  X  </u>	Excused	<u>      </u>
Mr. Criss	Present	<u>  X  </u>	Excused	<u>      </u>
Mr. Barnett	Present	<u>  X  </u>	Excused	<u>      </u>

**Adopt Agenda**

1. Motion to adopt monthly meeting agenda. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Approve Monthly Minutes**

2. Motion to approve the June 3, 2025 Regular meeting minutes and June 25, 2025 and July 9, 2025 Special 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**

Brett Smith brought to the Trustees attention new fireworks laws in Ohio. Mark Finamore to issue memo to the Police Department outlining fireworks laws.

Liz Ramsey was dissatisfied with the minutes reporting new 2025 wages for employees but Trustees expressed that what is in the minutes is sufficient. Also, she wanted to see the audited financial statements, the Townships legal representative, Mark Finamore, explained that the statements are on the Auditors website and can be downloaded as a pdf. Mrs. Ramsey also would like the road crew to investigate a pot hole on South 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, will contact Mahoning County.

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Martie Kinemond returned keys to North Benton Park building and electric box. She does the scheduling for use of the park facilities. Trustee Larry Barnett asked the Road Foreman to change locks at the building limiting access to only the Township.

**Approve Financial Reports**

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the months of June, July and August 2025 in the amounts of \$206,728.94, \$148,542.97 and \$99,255.01.  
Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

The June, July and August 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.  
The June, July and August 2025 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

**Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report**

**Issues Discussed:**

- Maple Ridge Park playground updates
- Solicitation Policy
- Resolution accepting rates
- Summa Care Renewal
- OTARMA renewal
- Ralph Meacham Section 5705.281/Waiver of adoption of tax budget for budget year 2026.

4. Resolution 2025-0902-01 be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees approve and accept the Smith Township Solicitation Policy as defined in O.R.C. Section 505.94(B)(2). This policy was added to the Smith Township Personnel Policies Manual on 8/01/2025, ARTICLE XIII – SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS, section13.13. 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

5. Motion to renew smith Township SummaCare MEWA Medical Insurance 09/01/2025.  
Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

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

6. Resolution 2025-0902-02 The Smith Township Board of Trustees accepts the amounts and rates as determined by the Mahoning County Budget Commission and authorizes the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.  
Passed (see attached)

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 commit to membership and the submission of the contribution of \$22,413 to OTARMA for Liability Insurance renewing on 9/15/2025. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

8. Motion by the Smith Township Board of Trustees to accept the proposed Thirteenth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Purdue Pharma and its Affiliated Debtors (Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court) and the Trustees are aware that voting to accept the plan waives any future claims against Purdue Pharma and/or its successors and assigns. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Road Report**

Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, presented the report for the summer months of June, July, and August 2025:

- Regraded roads
- Mowed parks and road sides

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- Repaired road culverts
- Cleaned ditches
- Cleared brush
- Removed trees
- Maintained Police parking lot
- Repaired equipment
- Cleared storm damage
- Repaired basket ball court at Maple Ridge Park
- Removed outdated play equipment at North Benton Park
- Placed wood mulch under play equipment at North Benton Park
- Maintained shooting range
- Replaced road signs
- Cleaned ditch and catch basin at Twp Hall

**9. Resolution 2025-0902-03** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees has determined by vote to approve the resurfacing project located on Oyster Road from Middletown Rd. to W. Reserve Rd. located on the western edge of Smith Township under the direction of the county engineer pursuant to section 5573.01 of the Ohio Revised Code. The total cost of the project is \$388,600 of which OPWC has agreed to contribute 38.60% (150,000) and Smith Township 61.40% (238,600). Whereas the Trustees desire, pursuant to an OPWC Application to make improvements to said Oyster Rd. and have requested the services of Thomas FOK and Associates, Inc. in the event the county engineer cannot perform the services required by section 5573.01 of the ORC. The Trustees agree to pay all costs incurred by the engineering firm of Thomas FOK and Associates, Inc. and have signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mahoning County Engineer and the Smith Township Trustees. 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. Resolution 2025-0902-04** Be it resolved that Smith Township Trustees have declared that the Township has benefited from the Sales and Use Tax which has funded the repair, and improvements of roads in Smith Township/Mahoning County and will benefit from the renewal of the Mahoning County Sales and Use tax. (See attached) Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett  
Roll Call Vote:

Seconded by Mr. Criss

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

**Police Report**

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present, Trustee Terry Criss presented the report for the month of August 2025:

- 364 Incident reports
- 12 Accidents
- 185 Citations
- 530 Traffic stops
- 995 Business Checks

Other:

Police Department is having a Personal Care Charity Drive to help Harvesting Hope. Requesting to replace worn/stained/damaged carpet tiles throughout the police department and replace carpet in front of restroom (quote presented) Trustee Barnett is not a carpet fan and would like to see what it would cost to do tile.

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat will be held at the Beloit Village Park on October 25, 2025, from 6:30- 8:30 p.m.**

**Fire Report**

No Fire Report Given

- 11. Resolution 2025-0902-05** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees agree to contribute \$5,000 to the Village of Sebring Fire Department toward the purchase of a Fire Tanker Truck. Passed.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

**Zoning Report**

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, present and presented the reports for the summer months of July, and August 2025:

- Provided zoning classifications
- Provided building permits
- Spoke with residents concerning fence dispute
- Sent zoning violation letters
- Filed complaint with Mahoning County Health Dept.

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- Answered Land Bank questions
- Fielded questions on various issues

**12. Resolution 2025-0902-06** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees agree to solicit written purchase offers to purchase 825 W. Tennessee Ave., Sebring, Ohio 44672 (Parcel # 15-015-0-017.00). (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

**Approve Reports**

**13.** 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 meeting.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. October 7, 2025.



Smith Township Mahoning County, Ohio <smithtwpfo@gmail.com>

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## Solicitation per Smith Township policy manual

1 message

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Smith Township Mahoning County, Ohio <smithtwpfo@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 1, 2025 at 1:21 PM

To: "Gaglione, Karen" <KGaglione@mahoningcountyoh.gov>

Cc: Scott Showalter <smithtrusteeshowalter@gmail.com>, Larry Barnett <larrydigsdirt@yahoo.com>, Criss Terry <terrycriss42@gmail.com>

Dear Karen,

Please be advised that Smith Township has added to their policy manual through resolution the following regarding solicitation requirements in our Township.

### 13.13 Solicitation/Transient Vendors

Each transient vendor, as defined in O.R.C. Section 505.94(B)(2), are required to register at the Smith Township Hall prior to solicitation. Solicitors are limited to the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. October 1 through April 30 and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 1 through September 30.

They must provide the following information on company letterhead:

1. Name of company
2. Contact information
3. Starting and ending dates of the solicitation period. (not to exceed 90 days)
4. Include a Registration Fee of \$75 payable upon registration.

The name and dates of solicitation should be posted on the Smith Township website. If Township residents do not want to be solicited, they are to post a sign on their front porch stating so.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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*Audrey Fox,*

*Smith Township/Mahoning County Fiscal Officer*

Resolution # 2025-0902-01

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY  
THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES  
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR  
(BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES)**

Revised Code Sections 5705.34-5705.35

The Board of Trustees of Smith Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, met in Smith Township  
Session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025, at the office of

Smith Township

with the following members present:

Larry Burnett

Terry Criss

Scott Showalter

Mr. Criss moved the adoption of the following  
Resolution:

*RESOLVED*, By the Board of Trustees of Smith Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget or has been granted the authority by the Mahoning County Budget Commission to waive this requirement for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026; and

*WHEREAS*, The Budget Commission of Mahoning County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

*RESOLVED*, By the Board of Trustees of Smith Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:



## SCHEDULE A

### SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation</b>	<b>Amount To Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation</b>	<b>County Auditor's Estimate of Tax to be Levied Inside 10 Mill Limit</b>	<b>County Auditor's Estimate of Tax to be Levied Outside 10 Mill Limit</b>
General Fund	91,343		0.80	
County Health	28,261		0.28	
Road and Bridge	92,859		0.92	
Fire District		67,123		1.50
Police District		754,688		12.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 212,463</b>	<b>\$ 821,811</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>13.80</b>

**SCHEDULE B**  
**CURRENT PROPERTY VALUES AND**  
**LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES**  
(see attached)

And be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Mr./Ms. Barnett seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr./Ms. [Signature]  
Mr./Ms. [Signature]  
Mr./Ms. [Signature]

Adopted the 2nd day of September, 2025.

[Signature]  
Fiscal Officer of the Board of Township Trustees of  
Smith Township  
Mahoning County, Ohio

**CERTIFICATE OF COPY  
ORIGINAL ON FILE**

The State of Ohio, Mahoning County, ss.

I, Audrey M. Foy Clerk of the Board of Township Trustees of  
Smith Township in said County, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Board are  
required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken  
and copied from the original \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ now on file with said Board, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original  
document, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Audrey M. Foy

Fiscal Officer of the Board of Township Trustees of  
Smith Township  
Mahoning County, Ohio

\_\_\_\_\_ A copy of this resolution must be certified to the Mahoning County Auditor within the time prescribed by section  
5705.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, or at such a later date as may be approved by the Board of tax appeals.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Ralph T. Meacham, County Auditor

By Manuel E. Santiago

Deputy Auditor

# Resolution # 2025-0902-04

## A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF THE MAHONING COUNTY ROAD SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO

The Board of Trustees of [Township Name] Township, Mahoning County, Ohio met in Regular Session at the [Township Name] Township Administration Office on the 2 day of Sept 2025, with the following members present: Mr. Showalter, Mr. Criss, Mr. Barnett.

Motion was made by Trustee Barnett to approve the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the infrastructure of roads within Mahoning County is vital for the safety, economic prosperity, and general welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the repair, maintenance, improvement and construction of these roads require substantial and ongoing financial resources; and

WHEREAS, the voters of Mahoning County approved a 0.25% Sales and Use Tax in 2021 for the purpose of the repair, maintenance, and improvement of roads, bridges, and other infrastructure within Mahoning County for a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning County Board of Commissioners is considering the renewal of the Mahoning County Road Sales and Use Tax to secure dedicated funding for these critical road, bridge and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, [Township Name] Township recognizes the need for improved road, bridge and infrastructure conditions throughout Mahoning County, including within our own Township boundaries; and

WHEREAS, [Township Name] Township believes that a county-wide road sales and use tax is an equitable and efficient mechanism to address the significant financial demands of maintaining a road network.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of [Township Name] Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, that:

1. [Township Name] Township has benefited from the Mahoning County Road Sales and Use Tax which provided funding for the repair, maintenance, and improvement of roads, bridges, and other infrastructure within [Township Name] Township and Mahoning County.

2. [Township Name] Township will benefit from the renewal of the Mahoning County Road Sales and Use Tax and recognizes its importance for the repair, maintenance, and improvement of our roads, bridges and shared infrastructure.

Trustee Criss seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution. The Roll Call resulted as follows:

Trustee Mr. Barnett  
Trustee Mr. Criss

✓  
✓

Trustee Mr. Shewalter ✓

Resolution regarding the renewal of the Mahoning County Road Sales and Use Tax for the repair, maintenance and improvement of roads, bridges, and other infrastructure within Mahoning County, Ohio, is hereby duly adopted upon reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

By order of the Smith Township Board of Trustees, Mahoning County, Ohio:

[Signature]  
[Name], Trustee

[Signature]  
[Name], Trustee

[Signature]  
[Name], Trustee

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Audrey Fox, Fiscal Officer of Smith Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Minutes of Smith Township on Sept 9, 2025, that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution regarding the renewal of the Mahoning County Road Sales and Use Tax for the repair, maintenance and improvement of roads, bridges, and other infrastructure, of said Minutes, and that same is a true and correct copy thereof.

[Signature]  
[Name], Fiscal Officer



SMITH TOWNSHIP, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0902-06

TO SOLICIT REAL ESTATE PURCHASE OFFERS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE PROPERTY, VACANT LAND, LOCATED AT 825 W. TENNESSEE AVENUE, SEBRING, OHIO 44672 – AUDITOR’S PARCEL NUMBER 15-015-0-017.00-0

**WHEREAS** the Township Board of Trustees invoking their authority to abate defective property structure nuisances in the Township pursuant to RC§505.86, declared the Structure on the Real Estate Property located at 825 W. Tennessee Avenue, Sebring, Ohio 44672, being Auditor Parcel No. 15-015-0-017.00-0, to be unsafe, insecure, and structurally defective and ordering the structure to be removed (demolished) within thirty (30) days of the declaration and service of legal notice on all owners and lienholders of record, with no appeal to the order being taken; and

**WHEREAS** the failure of the owner(s) and or Lienholder(s) of record to abate the property nuisance (removal – demolition of the defective structure), the Board of Trustees contracted with a third party contractor to perform the abatement at cost to the township, in addition to other costs incumbent in the statutory procedure of abatement, included but not limited to Legal Fees, a Present Owner Title Search Services, US Postal Service Mailing Costs, Newspaper Publication of Notice, and other necessary incidental costs; and

**WHEREAS** the Township Board of Trustees acquired deeded title and ownership of the property through a Mahoning County Real Estate Tax Foreclosure Proceeding in Common Pleas Court, with the failure of the owner to redeem the property within the foreclosure, and the Court therefore transferring ownership to the Township Board of Trustees, by Sheriff’s Deed, for the purpose of allowing the Township to recuperate its taxpayer funded nuisance abatement costs, and

**WHEREAS** the Township Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township to sale the vacant land property being 825 W. Tennessee Avenue, Sebring Ohio 44672, in its abated condition to any interested party, private or public to recoup its nuisance abatement costs, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustee solicit from the public at large, from any interested party a Bonafide Real Estate Purchase offer for the property in its present condition.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees solicit said purchase offers in an amount not less than the nuisance abatement costs incurred by the Township in the removal and demolition of the defective property structure and clean up, leaving a parcel of vacant land, being in the amount of Best Offer as determined by the Twp Trustees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said offers shall be submitted on the prescribed form furnished by the township, with all requested information to be furnished and completed by the offeror, delivered to the Township Fiscal Officer on or before the Township's next regular meeting scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 O'clock PM at the Township Administration Building, to be considered at that time.

**BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED** that all such offers shall be submitted as an open written offer, a public record subject to disclosure, which shall be posted on the Township's website for public view as they are received. All parties have the right to submit progress purchases offers if they desire, in response to other offers submitted. This solicitation is not a competitive sealed or open bidding process requiring the Trustees to sale the property if they choose not to, or to sale the property to the highest or best purchase offer received. The Offers received have no legal rights until the offer is duly accepted by the board of trustees and a written Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement, prepared and approved by the Township Board of Trustees, is fully executed by both parties.

Moved by Mr. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

ROLL CALL:

TRUSTEE BARNETT

X\_YES \_\_\_ NO

TRUSTEE SHOWALTER

X\_YES \_\_\_ NO

TRUSTEE KRISS

X\_YES \_\_\_ NO

Motion Adopted September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

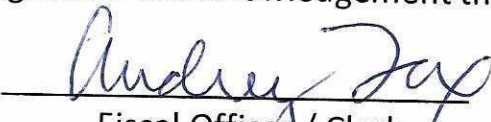
Fiscal Officer

**Certification**

I, the undersigned Fiscal Officer, and Custodian of the Records of Smith Township hereby certifies that the above resolution is a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Resolution as appears in the Transcript of Minutes of the Official Record of Proceedings of the Board of Township Trustees of Smith Township.

In Witness thereof, I have affixed my signature in acknowledgement thereof.

Date: 9/02/2025

  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk