

MINUTES OF A **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**  
**HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025**

AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

**PURPOSE AS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE 6/19/2025:** The Smith Township Board of Trustees call a Special meeting Wednesday 6/25/2025, 4:00 p.m. for requested hearings on three landbank properties located on Alden Ave. Also, to discuss an additional demolition on Alliance Sebring Rd. Also, to pass the resolution to donate old police equipment no longer in service to the Village of Hanoverton.

This special meeting of the Smith Township Board of Trustees is now called to Order:  
Board Members Present to determine a Quorum for the purpose of taking legal action by the Board.

ROLL CALL: Trustee Barnett X present  
Trustee Chris X present  
Trustee Showalter X present

Also Present:

Mark Finamore (Legal Counsel) , Peggy Christy (Zoning), and Audrey Fox (Fiscal Officer).

Public Hearing conducted by Mark Finamore:

This Public hearing is being held pursuant to section 505.86 (C) paragraphs 1 through 4 of the Ohio Revised Code. This proceeding is being recorded by electronic/digital audio recording 06/25/2025 at the Township Administration Building.

This matter is before the Board of Trustees as a Quasi-Judicial Administrative hearing on an Appeal from the Order of the Board of Trustees to Abate an insecure, unsafe, or structurally defecting building within the unincorporated area of Smith Township being declared so by the Sebring Fire Department Chief, Mike Springer. The owners of record of the properties being:

1. Timothy Steed by request in writing to Peggy Christy, Zoning Inspector on 6/16/2025.
2. Dori Gaume by request in writing to Peggy Christy, Zoning Inspector on 6/18/2025.

Procedural Requirements:

Peggy Christy submitted to the Board of Trustees, 1. The written report of the Fire Department, 2. The duly approved and adopted Resolution of the Township Board of Trustees declaring the Properties a nuisance, 3. Proof of the notices sent to the property owners who have made this appeal, and 4. The written request by the owners to make this appeal.

Taking Testimony:

This means that all testimony and presentation of evidence must be by Oath of Affirmation. All testimony limited to facts pertaining to the case, subject to cross examination, and recorded by the Zoning Inspector. The Board of Trustees heard testimony from Peggy Christy first, then from both Timothy Steed and Dori Gaume.

Decision to allow or deny appeal on both accounts has been set for a future meeting date of Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. to be held at the Smith Township Hall.

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**RESOLUTION 2025-0625-01S** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustees move to approve the disposition of material, equipment, and/or supplies listed in "Exhibit A" to be given to the Hanoverton Police Department, a Political Subdivision of the State of Ohio, pursuant to RC 505.101. The said materials will be removed from the Township's inventory. (See attached) Passed.

Moved by Mr. Criss

Seconded by Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-0625-02S** Be it resolved that the Smith Township Trustees move to declare property to be insecure and structurally defective. Be it further resolved that notice of this Board's declaration of Nuisance and intention to remove said structures be given in accordance with ORC section 505.86, and has been declared insecure, unsafe, and defective by Chief Mike Springer, Sebring Fire Department. Property address is 22775 Alliance Sebring Rd., Alliance, Ohio, Parcel #190290093000. (see Attached) 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 Chairperson, Mr. Showalter to adjourn meeting.

Next Special Meeting to entertain a motion to either allow or deny the Appeals is 4:00 p.m. July 9, 2025.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. September 2, 2025.

### **5505.11 ORC - Sale of Public Property**

To any Dept., Agency, or Political Subdivision of the State of Ohio  
Section 505.101 - provides "... The board of trustees of any township, may by resolution, enter into a contract, without advertising or bidding, for the purchase or sale of motor vehicles, materials, equipment or supplies from or to any department , agency, or political subdivision of the State of Ohio.

### **RESOLUTION**

(ORC 5505.101)

Resolution No. **2025-0625-01S**

Resolution to approve disposition of Township Property to a Political Subdivision of the State of Ohio.

WHEREAS the Township Police Department has materials, equipment and supplies that it no longer needs or is unfit for public use, or the purpose for which it was acquired; Now Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, the following listed materials, equipment, and supplies of the Smith Township Police Department be given to Hanoverton Police Department without cost to assist them with law enforcement within their jurisdiction and said materials, equipment, and supplies shall be removed from the Township's Inventory.

List of Materials, Equipment & Supplies —Exhibit "A"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said property is given, transferred and conveyed "AS IS", without warranty.

Moved by: Trustee Larry Barnett    Seconded by: Trustee Terry Criss

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Barnett          yes

Trustee Criss             yes

Trustee Showalter       yes

Resolution approved and adopted this day 06/25/2025.

Exhibit "A"

**SMITH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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846 North Johnson Road  
Sebring, Ohio 44672  
Paul Ceresna- Chief of Police  
Phone: 330-938-2807



Fax: 330-938-9617  
Email: Smithtwppd@sbcglobal.net

06/12/2025

The following list of items were replaced and are no longer in service and will be donated to the Village of Hanoverton Police Department pursuant to RC 505.101 Disposition of Property.

3 Brother E-Cite Printers

Serial numbers U63111-M6Z321769, U63111L6Z160061, U63111-M6Z449064

2 Python 3 Mobile radar Units Serial Numbers

PYT854002294, PYT124000558

1 Panasonic Toughbook CF54

Serial number 8FTA43829, IMEI #990005061713617

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. Ceresna", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Paul Ceresna #341

## RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY TO BE INSECURE/STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE-ORDERING ABATEMENT

RESOLUTION No. 2025-0625-02S

BE IT RESOLVED, that the structure(s) on the following premise(s), being previously inspected and declared insecure, unsafe, and structurally defective by the Fire Chief and/or Building Inspector and/or unfit for human habitation by the Health Department; be and are hereby declared insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and/or unfit for human habitation and is (are) ordered removed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this Board's Declaration of Nuisance and intention to remove said structure(s) be given in accordance with Section 505.86 (B) O.R.C.

List property address, auditor's parcel number:

22775 Alliance Sebring Rd., Alliance, Ohio

Parcel #190290093000

Moved Mr. Criss

Seconded Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Barnett     ✓yes \_\_\_\_no

Trustee Criss       ✓yes \_\_\_\_no

Trustee Showatler ✓yes \_\_\_\_no

Resolution adopted this day 06/25/2025.