FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance, led by Fiscal Officer, Audrey Fox. Mark Finamore was not present.

Call meeting to order

Roll call:

Mr. Showalter Present \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Excused \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Criss Present \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Excused \_\_\_ \_\_\_

Mr. Barnett Present \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Excused \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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**

1. Motion to approve the March 4, 2025 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**

Liz Ramsy informed the Trustees that Mahoning County removed large trees from the ditch across the street.

David Iso requested that we leave the electric on at the North Benton Park until after the first of the year in order for him to do a Christmas lights display. The lights will be on from 6:00-9:00 every day beginning after the Thanksgiving holiday and increase to 5:00-9:00 the week before Christmas. The lights will be motion activated to music from an FM broadcast. In 2024, the electric was shut-off in November. The Trustees agreed to leave electric on until January 2, 2026.

1. Motion to leave electric at the North Benton Park until January 2, 2026.

Moved by\_\_Mr. Criss\_ Seconded by \_Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

* Yes No Mr. Criss
* Yes No Mr. Barnett
* Yes No Mr. Showalter

Tim Gabrelcik from the Village of Sebring requested that he meet with the Trustees to discuss a JED (Joint Economic Development) agreement between the Village and Smith Township over the area west on 62 to Bandy and up around Bandy to Ohio-Sebring Ave. The agreement would allow the Village to collect Sebring payroll taxes from employees in that area and would allow the Township to retain the collection of property taxes. Per Trustee Showalter this agreement with our neighboring governments is beneficial to both and we seek to remain in a good working relationship. Per Trustee Criss, an enterprise zone agreement is in place in that area.

**Approve Financial Reports**

1. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and EFTs and Warrants for the month of March 2025 in the amount of $95,970.18. 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 March 2025 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The March 2025 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

**Trustee and Fiscal Officer Report**

**Issues Discussed:**

* Maple Ridge Park playground updates
* Renewal of Anthem Life Insurance.

1. Motion to approve the renewal of Anthem Life Insurance additional coverage for the full-time hourly employees at no rate increase.

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**

Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, present and presented the report for the month of March 2025:

**Saw cut Oyster Rd North of North Benton West at culvert to be remove hump over culvert before paving.**

**Pick up 1/2in hose quick connectors and dust cap/covers for International plow system at Damascus**

**Connect IH to asphalt box and perform test run to check functionality after rebuild.**

**HPM NBW, SNW, and Oyster Road South.**

**Order- 8ft Box blade from Tractor Barn in Columbiana**

**Pick up hardware from J&B Fleet**

**Check Canteen Ext for Snow Plow damage / repair to be made once the ground dries up.**

**Ordered 304 material for the Oyster Rd culvert repair prior to paving.**

**Road and Sign Checks for wind damage.**

**HPM- Oyster again.**

**Grease International, pick up lags for street sign installs.**

**Degrease the F550 bay floor and pressure wash the bay floor. Shop work due to weather.**

**HPM – Oyster between Courtney and South Range Rd.**

**Drain flooded corner at 22ndst and W. Tenn. to dry overnight. Repair flooded area with 617 materials the next morning. Damage is due to trucks turning the corner at 22nd and W. Tenn.**

**Street sign installs/replacements North Benton, 1st North St, 1st West St, 1St South St, and Center Continue Install sign replacements/installs N. Benton, Brickyard, Lexington at County Line Rd, Alden, Attwood, Francis, Wood, Elm, Monroe, Pike, and Lake St.**

**Pick up 8ft Box Blade from the Tractor Barn in Columbiana, unload at the shop into F550 bay.**

**Street signs install, North Benton West, Smith North West and Oyster Rd.**

**Pick up safety cones from the corner of W Tenn. and 22nd St from road repair earlier in the week.**

**Remove downed trees from the roadway on Lexington.**

**Install new post and Street sign on Ash at Heacock.**

**Install asphalt lute rack on box blade at the shop.**

**HPM roadway at E. Florida, Smith Goshen Rd, Cala Rd, and repair apron at Humphrey and Alliance/Sebring Rd with 617s. Also repair with 617s on Fish Creek Rd.**

**Replace headlight passenger headlight on Chevy.**

**HEI-WAY HPM Delivered to the shop 24.220 ton.**

**Drag Martin Rd and Sweep grits away from PD/Admin. Building.**

**Meet Larry and Reed on Oyster North of NBW. Cut hump out road over concrete culvert to prep for Blacktop. Needs time to settle. Load the 550 with HPM for next day.**

**Meet with Russ Terrill on the F550 tailgate fabrication project.**

**Bob removed the salt spreader from rear of IH and grease.**

**Fill holes with HPM on Oyster from Middletown going North.**

**5 full loads of grindings on Martin Rd and dragged out into the holes**

**Picked up the tailgate for the F550 from Russ Terrill.**

**Check on a reported missing “Stop Ahead” sign.**

**HPM all day, Pick up oil and filter for F550 for oil change.**

**PD/Dispatch callout for tree across Lexington Rd.**

**With the ditching head on the Case and the Mini Excavator cleaned ditches in the Oak, Thelma, Lake and Park area. More to do, not completed.**

**Called OUPS to have 100ft in all directions of Oak and Francis Located for all utilities for culvert replacement.**

**Materials Used:**

**71.1 Gal. Gas used**

**84.5 Diesel used**

**3 Ton 617s used**

**28.94 Ton of 304s Delivered to the shop.**

**Other: The Road Trustee Barnett announced the date of the Smith Township Spring Cleanup to be on June 7, 2025 from 8:00 to 1:00. Peggy Christy will be completing a flyer with further explanation.**

**Police Report**

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

138 Incident Reports

8 Accidents

50 Citations

139 Traffic Stops

389 Business Checks

Other: The Police Department will be having the police roadside cleanup (Lexington Road) on April 13th at 9:00 am.

**The Police Department would like to express their gratitude for those who donated to the dog food drive for animal charity to make it a success.**

The sale of township obsolete police vehicles.

1. **Resolution 2025-0401-03** on line auction sales, be it resolved by the Trustees to authorize the sale of township property not needed for public use, and is obsolete or unfit for the purpose for which it was acquired by internet auction, pursuant to RC 505.10(D). (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

**Fire Report**

No Fire Report Given

**Zoning Report**

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, present and presented the March 2025 report:

* Spoke with prospective owner of parcel 210050002000 (Johnson Rd.)-hunting questions.
* Attorney John Sabella- clarifying zoning on white color key parcels.
* Victoria DeMarco-questions on farm animals in residential area.
* Aaron from JNM Carpentry of Millersburg-permit questions for 1200sq ft. garage on Alliance Sebring Rd.
* Christopher Reyes from Eco-ATM-zoning questions on placing electronic kiosk inside Dollar General at 20950 Alliance Sebring Rd.
* Paul Berry, owner of property across from Dollar General. Gave zoning regs concerning mobile homes in R-1 district. This was our second conversation re: same.
* Ray Harris-AT&T site manager for 1085.5 Johnson Rd. cell towner. Maintenance upgrades to be completed.
* Tim Vlaiku, neighbor of 13910 Francis Ave- states the following: garbage piling up again. Buildings being filled with trash. Two persons living there are tearing wood off house and burning it in the house. They tore banister off porch. Mr. Vlaiku also states he called Youngstown to file a complaint and they referred him to the township
* Rich Retort-SES having property surveyed because neighbor has potentially placed large storage barn on their property. Had questions on property line setback requirements.
* Handled address issue on N. Benton West property. Auditor’s office made known to property owner that parcel had two different addresses assigned to it. I worked with the new Mahoning County 911 Coordinator, Gerald D’Angelo to make the correction.
* Neighbor of John Maldoven at 14535 reported that tarp on car has blown off of large portion of car. Trustees had required the car to be tarped.
* Updated trustees on what has been accomplished toward utilizing ORC 505.87 to clean up three parcels owned by Parlontieri’s and one parcel owned by Allen Myers. After driving by this week it appears additional parcels are now involved in this most egregious situation.
* Completed zoning survey from the Ohio Department of Development.   
  They will be launching the Housing Technical Assistance Program. This program provides funds to political subdivisions seeking to modernize regulations and processes tied to zoning efforts.
* Sent request for clarification on two points within Ohio House Bill 315 pertaining to public notice requirements and zoning offense fees.

1. **Resolution 2025-0401-07** Be it resolved that the Trustees hereby determine that the owner’s maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and/or other debris upon the following property constitutes a nuisance.

Located on Stanley Ave. Alliance, Ohio

County Parcel ID: 190290030000, 190290031000,190290032000,0190290033000

(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

**Approve Reports**

1. Motion to accept all reports. 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 meeting.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. May 13, 2025.