

SMITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024
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. Attorney Mark Finamore was also 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. Barnett

Seconded by Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

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

Approve Monthly Minutes

2. Motion to approve the June 4, 2024 Regular meeting minutes and the August 1st and August 20th Special 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

Brendan Sloat of N. Mahoning Ave. asked if he has permission to remove a Pike Street tree obstruction. Trustee Larry Barnett to find out if this is a Township Rd.

Marianne May and Melinda Kinser would like to work with the *SMITH TOWNSHIP FRIENDS OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE* to help raise funds through grants and donations for new playground equipment at Maple Ridge Park. The Trustees approved that their support of the project would be very beneficial to the Township.

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Hope Crow would like 22725 Alden Ave. (Mobile Home) to be declared a nuisance. Peggy will take pictures to present at the October 1, 2024 meeting.

Liz Ramsey is concerned about the big trucks travelling on 12th St. Trustee Larry Barnett will find out how much longer the trucks will be hauling dirt to Sebring. Police will patrol.

Barb Beuhler concerned about junk yards popping up in the Township. Attorney Mark Finamore expressed that the Sheriff's Department issues the licenses for these to be actual junk yards.

Approve Financial Reports

3. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and bills paid for the months of June, July, and August 2024 for a total amount of \$304,760.67. Passed.

June	\$137,195.50
July	72,956.56
August	<u>94,608.61</u>
Total	<u>\$304,760.67</u>

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 2024 bank statement is in balance and was reviewed by the Trustees.

The June, July and August 2024 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer:

- Read the fund cash August 31, 2024 balances.

RESOLUTION 2024-0903-01 The Smith Township Trustees resolve to approve the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authoring the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. 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

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RESOLUTION 2024-0903-02 The Smith Township Trustees resolve to approve the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority Liability Insurance Invoice with a 9/17/2024 invoice date effective 9/17/2024-9/17/2025 in the amount of \$19,190.90.

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, not present and there was no report for the Summer months of 2024:

Police Report

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present and the report on Statistics for the Summer months (June, July, and August) of 2024 is as follows:

- 324 Incident Reports
- 23 Accidents
- 129 Citations
- 362 Traffic Stops
- 1,019 Business Checks

Hired Bryan Francis as a full time Patrolman

Sent officers to the Canfield Fair to represent the Township Police Department at the display on Friday.

Will be hosting a Cider with the Cops Public Relations event on Sunday September 22nd for the first day of Fall.

Fire Report

No Report Given.

Zoning Report

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, was present, and presented the Summer of 2024 report:

- Met with property owner at 21049 Alliance Sebring Rd. re: substandard work done by local contractor who neglected to get permits for front porch replacement/expansion. Issued permit. Waved penalty for late application under the circumstances. Reported issue to Mahoning County Building Inspection Dept.

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- Spoke with property owner at 14119 Lake Park Row, Alliance, OH re: fence issue with neighbor. Performed inspection/took photos/sent letter to neighbor.
- Alerted Lisa at Mahoning County Auditor's office about address correction needed at 20889 Alliance Sebring Rd. Update complete.
- Completed special assessment form request for 22685 Alliance Sebring Rd. received from Johanna Ware of American Title Solutions.
- Spoke with former property owner of 18384 Courtney Rd. re: missed deadline for owner to make needed repairs for safety of home (no roof on back of home yet and chimney not repaired). Owner has since sold home.
- Requested quotes (2nd request) from ACT Excavating for demolishing homes and cleaning up properties that have been declared a nuisance and/or in need of demo/repair, cleanup, Etc. by resolution of trustees. Mr. Rinehart has informed me he will complete them for the meeting.
- Emailed property photos of 22820 Lexington Rd., Alliance, OH. To Attorney Brian Macala in Salem. Attorney Macala's client is the daughter of the late property owner and she is attempting to change executor from an attorney in Alliance to herself. I paused the progression of 505.86 to give them some time to take care of this business, but after two months now of waiting and no change in the status, I alerted attorney Macala that we need to move forward with this project. No response yet.
- Sent certified letters to property owners for 505.87 and 505.86 declarations to the following owners: Mr. Swinton-Lexington Rd., Mr. Tolley- North Benton West Rd., Mr. Parlontieri- Noble St. & Stanley St., and Mr. Meyers-N. Mahoning Ave., -No response from any of these.
- Sent zoning initial letter to 1136 Johnson Rd., Sebring, Ohio re: massive amt of debris in front and side yard. Property owner called me and due to family health issues I extended her deadline from two weeks to four weeks. She assured me she would have it cleaned up before then.
- Filed complaints with Mahoning County Health Department re:
20947 Alliance Sebring Rd., Alliance, OH (Paul Berry, owner) suspected no running water or septic system
- 13910 Francis Ave., Alliance, OH (Bonnie Lemasters, owner) suspected no running water or working septic system
- Received complaint re: high weeds on Stanley Ave.
- Received call from Heacock Rd. resident with question pertaining to minimum lot sizes for homes.
- Received four calls from resident on W. Oregon property complaining about next door property (Brian Moore, owner) and requesting updates.
- Received two texts from resident in neighborhood of nuisance property (owner Bonnie Lemasters) complaining about property and giving many details. Requesting update.
- Assigned address for home on Alliance Sebring Rd.
- Spoke with Maggi McGee from Mahoning County 911 re: four properties with problematic addresses that need attention. I am following up with property owners.

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- Spoke at length with Colton Masters, Mahoning County Director of Environmental Health re: W. Oregon Property issues. He stated that apparently homeless man on property is fixing up a camper that he owns that is on the property. This will not help the township issues, though. Mr. Masters also states he has seen no evidence of drugs on the property or in the utility trailer the man resides in.

RESOLUTION 2024-0903-07 Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees hereby determine that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and/or other debris upon 22820 Lexington Rd. (Parcel ID#: 16102005000) and 19647 North Benton West Rd. (Parcel ID#:161940001040) constitutes a nuisance. (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

RESOLUTION 2024-0903-08 Be it resolved that the Smith Township Board of Trustees hereby determine that the Board intends to remove the refuse, garbage, and/or debris located at W. Oregon Ave. (Parcel ID# 150140012000 premise, being given in accordance with Section 505.87 (B) ORC. The Trustees hereby order commencement of the abatement by A.C.T. Excavating LLC for a cost of \$4,200. (see attached)

Approve Reports

- 4.** 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 1, 2024.