TENTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Call meeting to order

Roll call:

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

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

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

**Adopt Agenda**

1. Motion to adopt monthly meeting agenda. Passed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Yes No Mr. Barnett

**Approve Monthly Minutes**

1. Motion to approve the November 5, 2024 Regular meeting minutes and the November 7, 2024 Special meeting minutes. Passed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Yes No Mr. Barnett

**Approve Financial Reports**

1. Motion to approve the Financial Report, and bills paid for the month of November 2024 for a total amount of $119,362.01. Passed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Yes No Mr. Barnett

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

The November 2024 VISA statements have been reviewed by the Trustees.

Fiscal Officer:

* Read the fund cash balances for November, 2024 balances.
* Update on the Status of the Maple Ridge Park Playground grants and equipment.

Filed 3 grants with the Mahoning County Community Foundation, we have been awarded $5,000 in grants from the Community Foundation General Fund Grant (applied for $10,000) 12/16/2024 the other two grants will be awarded.

* Fraudulent charge to our PF Sweep account of $198.65 that was credited back to our account created the need to add “positive pay” to our Farmers Bank Account. Met with Mike Mariano on November 19, 2024 to be trained on Positive Pay which requires me to approve all checks and ACH’s presented for payment to our acct. It’s labor intensive but that’s what this world is coming to.
* OTARMA Board of Directors requires vote.
* In the process of filing to receive the funds from the EPA to cover the cost of our new salt shed.
* Mahoning County Prosecuting Attorney-Elect Letter to introduce themselves.

1. **Resolution 2024-1203-01** The Township Trustees resolve to authorize the Township to appropriate and pay expenses as they come due for 2025 until our reorganization meeting scheduled for January 7, 2025. (see attached resolution) Passed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Yes No Mr. Barnett

1. Motion to approve a $75 grocery store gift card as an appreciation/Holiday gift (other than cash) to all employees with a low fair market value ([**I.R.C. § 132(a)(4)**](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/26/132) excludes *de minimis* benefits—benefits that are too minor or trivial to merit consideration—from taxable income.). Passed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Yes No Mr. Barnett

**Road Report**

Bruce Betz, Road Foreman, present and presented the report for November of 2024:

Cut grass @ P.O. & Perk – all day

Boom Mow – all day Mount salt boxes on 550/IH Road drag Martin Rd. & Best Rd.

Get list of roads that need street signs

Yard work @ shop

Install 15” D.W. Culvert @ end of Attwood. Jeff bench

Call Jean w/ List of signs needed

Load 4” & 6” Risers on trailer for Alden/Oyster

Island Creek Driveway Patch w/ HPM

Grindings on Lake Park Rd. @ bus turn around and mailboxes

Hang safety lights at shop

Return plate compactor to Larry’s garage

Replace 2 stop ahead signs, posts, and R. sticks on S. Range Rd.

Move outdoor equipment into new salt shed for winter storage

Remove slave cyl. From boom mower take to SFP for warranty work

Pick up new hitch pin for IH plow

Install/test plows on IH/F550 for winter

Pick-up slave cyl. from SFP reinstall on boom mower

Install ditch spinner on case/orientate Hyd. Lines on spinner head

Remove tree on North Benton West (P.D. Advised)

With forks on loader clean tress from ditches on Martin Rd., Best Rd, and N.B.W

Ditch spinner cleaning ditches all day (Bob) Complete service on Ztrak 757 T.D. Zero turn mower Meet w/ Less Baringer @ Shop for water well 185 iss.

Resecure P.D./Admin building in house mailbox system

Drag Martin Rd. & Best Rd Ext. 6 loads grindings 18-20 Ton Drop off EST Request @ K&S Mill Wrights Knox Sch Rd. Fuel Stabilizer in both zero turns

**Materials Used:**

Diesel - 96.8

Gas - 60.6

1 – call out for 3.5 hours to salt roads on Thanksgiving Day

**Police Report**

Chief Paul Ceresna was not present. Trustee Terry Criss presented the report on Statistics for November of 2024 as follows:

* 110 Incident Reports
* 13 Accidents
* 52 Citations
* 179 Traffic Stops
* 376 Business Checks

Other Business Reported:

* Replacing Transmission on Cruiser #34 at a cost of $2,200.

**Fire Report**

No Report Given.

**Zoning Report**

Peggy Christy, Zoning/Nuisance Property Inspector, was present, the November 2024 report is as follows:

Handles all phone calls and correspondence related to zoning and nuisance properties.

Reviewed demo list for communication between Trustee Showalter and Roger Smith, Mahoning County Land Bank.

Searched zoning classification for:

TLW Appraisal Service for Courtney Rd. property

Tanner Real Estate for Ellett Rd. property & buildable parcels on E. Texas.

Selena \_\_\_\_\_ prospective property owner Courtney Rd.

Superior Fence & Rail-fence permit

Pro. Real Estate Appraisers for Lexington Rd.

Requested and received lien search for 18412 Johnson Rd., Sebring from Title One for 505.87

Spoke with Anthony Kinsinger of Creative Innervisions Construction re: garage permits

Other:

* Trustee Terry Criss to check with A.C.T. Excavating LLC on cost to demolish 22820 Lexington Rd. 505.86 Demo
* Peggy Christy to send letter to 1136 Johnson Rd. Landowners about 505.87 cleanup

2024 Recap

* 3 Completed 505.86 Demos
* 2 Completed 505.87 Cleanups
* 2 Properties cleaned up by owners
* 1 property purchased by neighbor and demolished
* 1 property sold at Mahoning County Sherriff sale
* 1 property purchased by resident who cleanedup

**Approve Reports**

1. Motion to accept all reports. Passed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Yes No Mr. Barnett

**Adjournment**

Motion by Chairman, Mr. Showalter to adjourn meeting.

Next Regular and Re-organizational Meeting is 7:00 p.m. January 7, 2025.