



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SMITH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
MAHONING COUNTY

HELD Tuesday, August 25, 2026

AT 4:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea

Mr. Criss: Yea

Mr. Showalter: Yea

**Discussion**

Our Health Insurance Broker provided three options for continued Health Insurance.

1. Renew with the same insurance and same deductibles resulting in a 16.86% increase.
2. Switch providers to a comparable plan and experience a 39.15% increase.
3. Keep the same provider but change the plan to increase deductibles by 60% to employees.

Discussed various aspects of each option as well as increasing what employees pay monthly to offset some of the costs.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-0825-02R**

A Resolution to continue Group Health insurance with the same provider without increasing the amount paid by the employees (currently \$100/month for single and \$200 for family). The increase of approximately \$28,000 per year will be absorbed by the Township. In addition, the Board agrees that we will shop for different health insurance in the coming months. Going forward, the Fiscal Officer is to pay the same amount as all other employees for Health Insurance coverage.

Moved by: Mr. Criss

Seconded by: Mr. Barnett

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Motion to discuss if the Township is willing to pay an employee who was recently a victim of fraud the amount of \$2,732.40 in relation to his paycheck. Passed.

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The Fiscal Officer received an email on July 2, 2026 to change the bank account for an employee for the upcoming payroll deposit. With a little back and forth of emails, the bank information was obtained and the change was made beginning with the July 23, 2026 payroll. The name on the email matched that of the employee.

On August 25, 2026 Chief Ceresna notified Fiscal Officer that the employee hasn't received his direct deposit since early July. After confirmation from the employee that he did not ever send an email requesting a change nor had he received his pay for the prior three pay periods, the Fiscal Officer visited the bank, spoke to the representative in Treasury Management to research the transactions, and filed a police report. It is expected that the Township will receive most, if not all, of the money back from the bank.

The Fiscal Officer is requesting that the employee be paid the \$2,732.40 immediately. Policy will need to be updated in the near future to avoid a similar occurrence.

Motion to pay the employee the \$2,732.40 by check (warrant).

Moved by: Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Mr. Criss

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Barnett: Yea

Mr. Criss: Yea

Mr. Showalter: Yea

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Criss to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Mr. Barnett.

Meeting adjourned by Mr. Showalter.

Next Regular Meeting is 7:00 p.m. September 8, 2026.

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-0825-01R**

**A Resolution authorizing the sale of an unneeded police cruiser to The Village of Hanoverton, Columbiana County, Ohio pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 505.10.**

**Whereas, the Board of Township Trustees of Smith Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, owns a certain police cruiser that is no longer needed for use for which it was originally acquired; and**

**Whereas, said vehicle is a 2016, Chevrolet, Tahoe K 1500 bearing a Vehicle Identification Number 1GNSKDEC6GR135008 and odometer reading of approximately 152274 (the "Property"); and**

**Whereas, The Village of Hanoverton, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, has expressed a need to purchase the Property and has agreed to a purchase price of \$3,500 (three thousand, five hundred dollars); and**

**Whereas, ORC Section 505.10(A)(7) authorizes a Board of Township Trustees to sell personal property, including motor vehicles, without public advertisement or competitive bidding, to another political subdivision of the State of Ohio.**

**Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Board of Township Trustees of Smith Township, Mahoning County, Ohio that:**

**Section 1. The Board hereby formally declares that the aforementioned 2016, Chevrolet, Tahoe K 1500 police cruiser (VIN: 1GNSKDEC6GR135008) is unneeded for Smith Township.**

**Section 2. Pursuant to R.C. 505.10(A)(7), the Board hereby approves the private sale and transfer of the Property to The Village of Hanoverton for the total agreed sum of \$3,500 (three thousand, five hundred dollars).**

**Section 3. The Property shall be sold in a strictly "as-is" condition, with no warranties, express or implied, regarding its operational status or fitness for a particular purpose.**

**Section 4. Smith Township has completely removed all department emblems and decals from said Property.**

**Section 5. Terry Criss, Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Bill of Sale, sign the vehicle title, and perform all other administrative acts necessary to complete the transfer of ownership to the purchasing political subdivision.**

**Section 6. The Township Fiscal Officer, Susan Terry, is directed to deposit the proceeds from this sale into the Police District Fund 2081 upon receipt from the buyer.**

**Section 7.** It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including ORC Section 121.22.

**Section 8.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

### Vote Record & Signatures:

Motion to pass Resolution made by: Trustee Mr. Barnett

Seconded by: Trustee Terry Criss

#### Roll Call Vote:

- Trustee Scott Showalter: Yes
- Trustee Larry Barnett: Yes
- Trustee Terry Criss: Yes

Passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026

#### Board of Smith Township Trustees:

[Signature] Scott Showalter, Trustee - Chairman

[Signature] Larry Barnett, Trustee

[Signature] Terry Criss, Trustee

#### Attest:

[Signature] Susan Terry, Township Fiscal Officer